

Section 1. That all leases, grants or agreements, commonly known as oil, gas and sulphur leases, that have been entered into at the direction of the Governor by the Board of Prison Commissioners of the State of Texas as lessors or grantors, and have been approved as to form by the Attorney General, and delivered to the lessees or grantees for a valuable consideration, and which are now in force and effect unless said Board of Prison Commissioners lacked legal authority to enter into the same, and which purport to lease or grant for the purpose of oil, gas and sulphur exploration and development purposes incidental thereto, any of the real estate belonging to the Prison System and commonly known as the State Prison Farms, be, and the same are, hereby approved, validated and adopted subject to the terms and conditions in such leases or grants specified.

Sec. 2. The importance of having the mineral sources of the State owned lands developed at the earliest possible time, and the near approach of the adjournment of the First Called Session of this Legislature creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House and the said rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage and it is so enacted.

TWELFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Thursday, September 30, 1926.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	Miller.
Berkeley.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Murphy.
Bowers.	Parnell.
Davis.	Parr.
Fairchild.	Pollard.
Floyd.	Price.
Hardin of Erath.	Real.
Hardin of Kaufman	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Smith.

Strong.	Westbrook.
Stuart.	Witt.
Triplett.	Wood.
Ward.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Davis.

Petitions and Memorials.

(See Appendix.)

Privileged Committee Reports.

(See Appendix.)

Committee Reports.

(See Appendix.)

Messages From The Governor.

The Chair recognized the Door-keeper, who introduced a messenger from the Governor with the following messages:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
To the Honorable Legislature of the State of Texas:

Acting under authority reserved in the original proclamation convening you in Special Session, and as per request of Representative Finlay, I am submitting to you for your consideration the matters set forth in the attached bill, same being An Act validating the action of the Lampasas County School Board in re-defining the boundaries of the Lampasas Independent School District No. 1 and adding thereto certain territories, on March 20, 1926; defining the metes and bounds of said district, and declaring an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
To the Honorable Legislature of the State of Texas.

Gentlemen: Acting under authority reserved in the original proclamation convening you in special session, and as per request of Representative Hagerman, I am submitting to you the matters set forth in the attached bill, being An Act to create the Ranger Independent School Dis-

trict in Eastland County, Texas, including the present Ranger Independent School District, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
To the Honorable Legislature of the
State of Texas.

Gentlemen: Acting under authority reserved in the original proclamation convening you in special session, and as per request of Senator Wirtz, I am submitting to you for your consideration the matters set forth in the attached bill, being An Act amend House Bill No. 813, enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas at its Regular Session, being Chapter 135 of the Local and Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, creating Smiley Independent School District, in Gonzales County, Texas, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,
Governor.

Senate Bill No. 289.

On motion of Senator Smith, S. B. No. 289 was recommitted, by unanimous consent, to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5.

Senator Pollard called up the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 5, In regard to the Palacios campsite donation. (Printed on page 517 of Senate Journal.)

The resolution was read and adopted.

Message From the House.

The Chair recognized the Doorkeeper, who introduced a messenger from the House with the following message:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 125, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to cover deficiencies in appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State Government for the fiscal years ending August 31, 1925, and August 31, 1926, and declaring an emergency, with amendments.

S. B. No. 286, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Brenham Independent School District, in Washington County, Texas; defining its boundaries; divesting the City of Brenham of the control of the public free schools; investing said district with the management and control of the public free schools; divesting the City of Brenham of all the rights, title and interest to all school property, real and personal, in said district; vesting title to all school property within said district in the trustees and their successors; charging said district with the payment of all indebtedness, bonded or otherwise, heretofore incurred and now owing by the City of Brenham for the erection or improvement of school buildings; providing that the board of trustees heretofore appointed and now serving for the Brenham Independent School District as now existing shall continue in office for the district hereby created until the expiration of their terms as herein provided and their successors shall have been elected and qualified; providing for the organization of said board by election of officers; providing that the secretary of said board may be paid a salary commensurate with the expenses of his office; providing that the board trustees of said school district as hereby created shall have authority to require payment of tuition supplementary to the transfer fund commensurate with the cost of maintenance; authorizing the trustees to exercise all the rights and powers conferred by General Laws upon trustees of independent school districts created for the school purposes only under the General Laws; validating and continuing in force the local maintenance taxes heretofore voted by the voters in any territory included within the district hereby created until the voters in the district hereby created increase, diminish or abolish such taxes in accordance with the General Statutes; providing that if any part of this Act is held ineffective or unconstitutional the remaining parts of this Act shall not be invalidated; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency.

H. B. No. 114, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Cass County, Texas, validating and approving all orders

made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 165, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Waller County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Cass County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 166, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Waller County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of

certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 119, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 14, in Cass County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 144, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Fayette County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 174, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Colorado County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all

taxable property in said district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 175, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Nolan County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Robertson County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 256, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 7, in Briscoe County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road

district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 257, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 8, in Briscoe County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 266, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 8, in DeWitt County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 269, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Karnes County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 284, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Brown County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 289, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Atascosa County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 309, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Henderson County, Texas."

H. B. No. 298, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying and validating election heretofore held in and throughout Carson County, Texas, upon the question of authorizing the issuance of one million dollars special road bonds of said county and levying a tax in payment thereof; ratifying and validating the petition for such election, the order calling such election and notices thereof, and all other orders passed by the commissioners' court of said county in respect thereto, including the order declaring the result of such election and the order authorizing the issuance of such bonds and levying a tax in payment thereof; authorizing the commissioners' court and proper officers of Carson County to complete the issuance of such bonds; ratifying and

validating the taxes levied in payment of such bonds and authorizing and directing the commissioners' court and officers of said county to levy, assess and collect annually a general ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in said county sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof as they mature, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 306, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying and validating election heretofore held in and throughout Tom Green County, Texas, upon the question of authorizing the issuance of \$500,000 special road bonds of said county and levying a tax in payment thereof; ratifying and validating the petition for such election, the order calling such election and notices thereof, and all other orders passed by the commissioners' court of said county in respect thereto, including the order declaring the result of such election and the order authorizing the issuance of such bonds and levying a tax in payment thereof; authorizing the commissioners' court and proper officers of Tom Green County to complete the issuance of such bonds; ratifying and validating the taxes levied in payment of such bonds and authorizing and directing the commissioners' court and officers of said county to levy, assess and collect annually a general ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in said county sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof as they mature, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 176, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Fisher County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 185, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Jones County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 186, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Robertson County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 189, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in McCulloch County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 192, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, on Navarro County, Texas,

validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 211, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 7, in Ellis County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 219, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 8, in Houston County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 220, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Newton County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organi-

zation of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 226, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Refugio County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 236, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Wilson County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 243, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Shelby County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and pro-

viding for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Live Oak County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. PHINNEY,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 103.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 103, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2 in Newton County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 103 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Hardin of Kaufman
Berkeley.	Holbrook.
Bledsoe.	Lewis.
Bowers.	Miller.
Davis.	Moore.
Fairchild.	Murphy.
Floyd.	Parnell.
Hardin of Erath.	Parr.

Pollard.	Stuart.
Price.	Triplett.
Real.	Ward.
Reid.	Westbrook.
Russek.	Witt.
Smith.	Wood.
Strong.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 105.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1 in Lee County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 105 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 109.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 109, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5 in Hopkins County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 109 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 110.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 110, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 6 in Hopkins County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 110 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 187.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 187, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4 in Montague County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 187 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 188.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2 in Shackelford County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 188 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Hardin of Kaufman
Berkeley.	Holbrook.
Bledsoe.	Lewis.
Bowers.	Miller.
Davis.	Moore.
Fairchild.	Murphy.
Floyd.	Parnell.
Hardin of Erath.	Parr.

Pollard.	Triplett.
Price.	Ward.
Real.	Westbrook.
Reid.	Wirtz.
Smith.	Witt.
Strong.	Wood.
Stuart.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Russek.

House Bill No. 193.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 193, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1 in Navarro County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 193 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 194.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 194, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Navarro County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitu-

tional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 194 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 195.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 195, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Navarro County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 195 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 196.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 196, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 7, in Navarro County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 196 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 198.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 198, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 9, in Navarro County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 198 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Davis.
Berkeley.	Fairchild.
Bledsoe.	Floyd.
Bowers.	Hardin of Erath.

Hardin of Kaufman.	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Smith.
Miller.	Strong.
Moore.	Stuart.
Murphy.	Triplett.
Parnell.	Ward.
Parr.	Westbrook.
Pollard.	Witt.
Price.	Wood.
Real.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 202.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 202, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Atascosa County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 202 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 205.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 205, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Calhoun County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the

authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 205 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 206.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

H. B. No. 206, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Ellis County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 206 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 207.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

H. B. No. 207, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Ellis County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 207 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 209.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

H. B. No. 209, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Ellis County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 209 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Bledsoe.
Berkeley.	Bowers.

Davis.	Price.
Fairchild.	Real.
Floyd.	Reid.
Hardin of Erath.	Russek.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Smith.
Holbrook.	Strong.
Lewis.	Stuart.
Miller.	Triplett.
Moore.	Ward.
Murphy.	Westbrook.
Parnell.	Witt.
Parr.	Wood.
Pollard.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 221.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

H. B. No. 221, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Newton County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 221 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Miller.	Witt.
Moore.	Wood.
Murphy.	Triplett.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 225.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

H. B. No. 225, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Refugio County, Texas, validating and approving all orders

made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 225 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 227.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

H. B. No. 227, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Refugio County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 227 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Miller.
Berkeley.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Murphy.
Bowers.	Parnell.
Davis.	Parr.
Fairchild.	Pollard.
Floyd.	Price.
Hardin of Erath.	Real.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Smith.

Strong.	Westbrook.
Stuart.	Witt.
Triplett.	Wood.
Ward.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Absent—Excused.

House Bill No. 228.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

H. B. No. 228, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Knox County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 228 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 234.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Live Oak County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 234 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Stuart.
Hardin of Kaufman	Strong.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 237.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 237, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Wilson County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 237 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 240.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 240, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in McLennan County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 240 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 241.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 241, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in McLennan County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 241 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Davis.
Berkeley.	Fairchild.
Bledsoe.	Floyd.
Bowers.	Hardin of Erath.

Hardin of Kaufman	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Smith.
Miller.	Strong.
Moore.	Stuart.
Murphy.	Triplett.
Parnell.	Ward.
Parr.	Westbrook.
Pollard.	Witt.
Price.	Wood.
Real.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 242.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 242, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in McLennan County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 242 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 244.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 244, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in McCulloch County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organi-

zation of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 244 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 245.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 245, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Cooke County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 245 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 262.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 262, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Gonzales County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 262 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 263.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 263, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 6, in Gonzales County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 263 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 264.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 264, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 7, in Gonzales County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 264 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 266.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

H. B. No. 286, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1 in Denton County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 286 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 33.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 7 in Hill County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 33 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 34.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 34, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 10 in Hill County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of

said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 34 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 99.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 99, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Crosby County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 99 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 115.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2 in Cass County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 115 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 122.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 122, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2 in Red River County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitu-

tional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 122 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 124.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Red River County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 124 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 131.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 131, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 9, in Nueces County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 131 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 132.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 132, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1 in Haskell County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 132 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 133.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1 in Runnels County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 133 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 134.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 134, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Runnels County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency"

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 134 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 146.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 146, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Taylor County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency"

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 146 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 152.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 152, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District

No. 2, in Reeves County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof, evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency"

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 152 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 184.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading.

H. B. No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Wise County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency"

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 184 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 212.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading.

H. B. No. 212, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Victoria County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency"

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 212 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 213.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading.

H. B. No. 213, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Victoria County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of

certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency"

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 213 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 222.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading.

H. B. No. 222, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating and legalizing bonds issued by counties for the construction of roads within such counties and for the construction and or purchase of roads of any defined district or political subdivision thereof and the levy of taxes for payment of such county bonds; authorizing the assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes in all such counties for the payment of such county bonds now outstanding or hereafter issued, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 222 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 305.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading.

H. B. No. 305, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Athens Independent School District in Henderson County, Texas, providing a board of trustees therefor, and vesting said independent school district board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; divesting the town of Athens of the control and management of the public schools thereof and vesting the same in the Athens Independent School District as herein created, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 305 was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 321.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading.

H. B. No. 321, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the salary of the superintendent of public instruction of Wichita County, Texas."

The committee report was adopted.

H. B. No. 321 was read second time and passed to third reading.

Executive Session.

Upon the conclusion of the morning call, the Chair announced that the hour had arrived for the executive session and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to clear the Senate for executive session.

After the Executive Session.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Miller at the close of the executive session.

The Secretary reported to the Journal Clerk the following confirmation by the Senate in executive session:

District Attorney—W. C. Witcher, 72nd Judicial District.

Senate Bill No. 292.

On motion of Senator Ward, S. B. No. 292 was recommitted to the Committee on Penitentiaries.

Senate Bill No. 125.

Senator Davis moved to concur in the House amendments to S. B. No. 125.

The amendment was read.

Amend S. B. No. 125 to include claim to C. H. Machen, District Attorney of the Eighty-seventh Judicial District in Limestone and Freestone Counties, for services rendered from April 26, 1923, to September 3, 1923, \$1,305.00.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Senate Bill No. 267.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 267, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Austin County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

S. B. No. 267 was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 268.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 10, in Fayette County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

S. B. No. 268 was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 281.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 281, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the State of Texas one-half of such claim or claims as may be due for the loss or destruction of hay in Brazoria, Galveston and Harris Counties during the hoof and mouth epidemic of 1925, after same have been approved; and empowering and directing the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas to investigate, hear evidence and approve or disapprove all claims; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 281 was read second time and laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 288.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 288, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Breckenridge Independent School District in Stephens County, Texas, including the present Breckenridge Independent School District; defining its metes and bounds; placing said Breckenridge Independent School District under the operation of the General Laws of Texas; providing a board of school trustees for the management and control of the schools thereof; providing that the board of trustees of the present Breckenridge Independent School District shall continue to act as such until their successors are elected and qualified as provided by the General Laws of Texas; providing that all outstanding indebtedness, including bonds of the present Breckenridge Independent School District, shall not be invalidated by this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

S. B. No. 288 was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 294.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 294, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating, approving and ratifying an election heretofore held in and throughout Jim Wells County upon the question of authorizing the issuance of \$600,000.00 of Special Road Bonds of said county and levying a tax in payment thereof; validating, approving and ratifying the petition for such election and all orders of the commissioners' court passed in respect thereto, including the order for election, the order declaring result of the election and the order authorizing the issuance of such bonds and levying a tax in payment thereof, notice of such election and returns thereof, and all other orders passed by the commissioners' court of said county in respect thereto, and certificates of county officers in respect to the authorization and issuance of said bonds; authorizing and directing the commissioners' court to complete the issuance and sale of such bonds as have not been sold for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; and providing that such bonds shall become binding obligations of

said county and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said county; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court in respect to said bonds and taxes and constituting such orders, or certified copies thereof, legal evidence; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; and declaring an emergency."

The Committee report was adopted.

S. B. No. 294 was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 295.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 295, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 115, Local and Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, same being a special road law for Duval County, Texas, by adding thereto Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23; validating an election for the issuance of special road bonds of said county, validating all orders of the commissioners' court in respect to said election, validating the levy of taxes in payment thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

S. B. No. 295 was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 296.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 296, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a special road law for Duval County; authorizing, and permitting Duval County by and through the commissioners' court of said county, to issue bonds of said county for the purposes of funding or refunding indebtedness whether issued in the form of scrip or time warrants, either or both or otherwise, or in any other form incurred for road and bridge purposes; providing that it shall not be necessary to submit the issuance of said refunding bonds to a vote of the property taxpayers of said county; and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

S. B. No. 296 was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 301.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

S. B. No. 301, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of the fees collected on or after September 1, 1926, or to be collected from employment agencies which fees are paid under the statutes of this state upon the issuance of licenses to employment agents by the Commissioner of Labor; making such appropriation to be used in connection with activities of the Labor Commissioner; and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

S. B. No. 301 was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Westbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate Bill No. 301 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

S. B. No. 301 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Berkeley.	Real.
Bledsoe.	Reid.
Bowers.	Russek.
Davis.	Smith.
Fairchild.	Strong.
Floyd.	Stuart.
Lewis.	Triplett.
Moore.	Ward.
Murphy.	Westbrook.
Parnell.	Witt.
Parr.	Woodward.
Price.	

Absent.

Bailey.	Miller.
Hardin of Erath.	Pollard.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Wood.
Holbrook.	

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 221.

Senator Parnell received unanimous consent to call up out of order H. B. No. 221.

H. B. No. 221, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the salary of the superintendent of public instruction of Wichita County, Texas."

The bill was read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Parnell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 221 was put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Murphy.
Berkeley.	Parnell.
Bledsoe.	Parr.
Bowers.	Pollard.
Davis.	Price.
Fairchild.	Real.
Floyd.	Reid.
Hardin of Erath.	Russek.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Smith.
Holbrook.	Strong.
Lewis.	Stuart.
Miller.	Triplett.
Moore.	Ward.

Westbrook.
Witt.

Wood.
Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bills Read and Referred.

The following House Bills were laid before the Senate, read, severally, first time and referred to appropriate committees:

H. B. No. 114 referred to Committee on Congressional Districts

H. B. No. 116 referred to committee on Congressional District.

H. B. No. 119 referred to committee on Congressional District.

H. B. No. 144 referred to committee on Congressional Districts.

H. B. No. 165 referred to committee on Congressional Districts.

H. B. No. 166 referred to committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

H. B. No. 174 referred to committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

H. B. No. 175 referred to committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

H. B. No. 250 referred to committee on Federal Relations.

H. B. No. 256 referred to committee on Federal Relations.

H. B. No. 257 referred to committee on Federal Relations.

H. B. No. 266 referred to committee on Federal Relations.

H. B. No. 269 referred to committee on Federal Relations.

H. B. No. 284 referred to committee on Federal Relations.

H. B. No. 289 referred to committee on Public Health.

H. B. No. 309 referred to committee on Public Health.

H. B. No. 298 referred to committee on Public Health.

H. B. No. 306 referred to committee on Public Health.

H. B. No. 176 referred to committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

H. B. No. 185 referred to committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

H. B. No. 186 referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 189 referred to committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 192 referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 211 referred to committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 219 referred to committee on Judicial Districts,

H. B. No. 220 referred to committee on Labor.

H. B. No. 226 referred to committee on Labor.

H. B. No. 236 referred to committee on Labor.

H. B. No. 243 referred to committee on Labor.

H. B. No. 247 referred to committee on Labor.

Senate Bills Signed.

After their captions were read, the Chair signed in the presence of the Senate the following Senate Bills:

S. B. 186,	S. B. 205,
S. B. 201,	S. B. 123,
S. B. 202,	S. B. 136,
S. B. 248,	S. B. 129,
S. B. 215,	S. B. 137,
S. B. 241,	S. B. 183,
S. B. 207,	S. B. 138,
S. B. 214,	S. B. 120,
S. B. 244,	S. B. 139,
S. B. 242,	S. B. 141,
S. B. 243,	S. B. 119,
S. B. 221,	S. B. 140,
S. B. 213,	S. B. 184,
S. B. 220,	S. B. 185,
S. B. 240,	S. B. 225,
S. B. 206,	S. B. 122,
S. B. 216,	S. B. 224,
S. B. 203,	

House Bills Signed.

After their captions had been read, the Chair signed in the presence of the Senate the following House Bills,

H. B. 13,	H. B. 97,
H. B. 20,	H. B. 98,
H. B. 30,	H. B. 102,
H. B. 54,	H. B. 104,
H. B. 60,	H. B. 107,
H. B. 70,	H. B. 111,
H. B. 75,	H. B. 112,
H. B. 90,	H. B. 113,

Senate Bill No. 281.

Senator Holbrook called up from the table the following bill:

S. B. No. 281. A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the State of Texas' one-half of such claim or claims as may be due for the loss or destruction of hay in Brazoria, Galveston and Harris Counties

during the hoof and mouth epidemic of 1925, after same have been approved; and empowering and directing the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas to investigate, hear evidence and approve or disapprove all claims; and declaring an emergency."

Recess.

On motion of Senator Bailey, at 11:55 a. m., the Senate recessed until 2:30 this afternoon.

After Recess.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Miller at 2:30 p. m. pursuant to recess.

Senate Bill No. 281.

S. B. No. 281 was pending on second reading. (Being before the Senate at recess.)

The committee report carrying a substitute was adopted.

The bill was passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Holbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 281 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Davis.
Berkeley.	Fairchild.
Bledsoe.	Floyd.
Bowers.	Hardin of Erath.

Hardin of Kaufman.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Smith.
Moore.	Strong.
Murphy.	Stuart.
Parr.	Triplett.
Pollard.	Ward.
Price.	Westbrook.
Real.	Witt.
Reid.	Wood.

Absent.

Lewis.	Parnell.
Miller.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Senate Bills Signed.

After their captions were read, the Chair signed in the presence of the Senate the following bills:

S. B. No. 125.
S. B. No. 286.

House Bill No. 33.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 7, in Hill County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Murphy, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 33 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 33 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 34.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 34, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 10, in Hill County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Murphy, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 34 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Murphy.
Berkeley.	Parnell.
Bledsoe.	Parr.
Bowers.	Pollard.
Davis.	Price.
Fairchild.	Real.
Floyd.	Reid.
Hardin of Erath.	Russek.
Hardin of Kaufman	Smith.
Holbrook.	Strong.
Lewis.	Stuart.
Miller.	Triplett.
Moore.	Ward.

Westbrook.
Witt.Wood.
Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 34 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 99.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 99, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Crosby County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Reid, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 99 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Miller.
Berkeley.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Murphy.
Bowers.	Parnell.
Davis.	Parr.
Fairchild.	Pollard.
Floyd.	Price.
Hardin of Erath.	Real.
Hardin of Kaufman	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Smith.

Strong. Westbrook.
Stuart. Witt.
Triplett. Wood.
Ward. Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 99 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 115.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. H. No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Cass County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Reid, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 115 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Miller.
Berkeley.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Murphy.
Bowers.	Parnell.
Davis.	Parr.
Fairchild.	Pollard.
Floyd.	Price.
Hardin of Erath.	Real.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Smith.

Strong. Westbrook.
Stuart. Witt.
Triplett. Wood.
Ward. Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 115 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 122.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 122, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Red River County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Stuart, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 122 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Miller.
Berkeley.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Murphy.
Bowers.	Parnell.
Davis.	Parr.
Fairchild.	Pollard.
Floyd.	Price.
Hardin of Erath.	Real.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Smith.

Strong.	Westbrook.
Stuart.	Witt.
Triplett.	Wood.
Ward.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 122 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 124.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Red River County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Stuart, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 124 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Miller.
Berkeley.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Murphy.
Bowers.	Parnell.
Davis.	Parr.
Fairchild.	Pollard.
Floyd.	Price.
Hardin of Erath.	Real.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Smith.

Strong.	Westbrook.
Stuart.	Witt.
Triplett.	Wood.
Ward.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 124 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 131.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 131, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 9, in Nueces County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Parr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 131 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Holbrook.
Berkeley.	Lewis.
Bledsoe.	Miller.
Bowers.	Moore.
Davis.	Murphy.
Fairchild.	Parnell.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hardin of Erath.	Pollard.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Price.

Real.	Triplett.
Reid.	Westbrook.
Russek.	Ward.
Smith.	Witt.
Strong.	Wood.
Stuart.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 131 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 132.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 132, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Haskell County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Bledsoe, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 132 was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Hardin of Kaufman
Berkeley.	Holbrook.
Bledsoe.	Lewis.
Bowers.	Miller.
Davis.	Moore.
Fairchild.	Murphy.
Floyd.	Parnell.
Hardin of Erath.	Parr.

Pollard.	Stuart.
Price.	Triplett.
Real.	Ward.
Reid.	Westbrook.
Russek.	Witt.
Smith.	Wood.
Strong.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 132 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 133.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Runnels County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Lewis, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 133 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Floyd.
Berkeley.	Hardin of Erath.
Bledsoe.	Hardin of Kaufman
Bowers.	Holbrook.
Davis.	Lewis.
Fairchild.	Miller.

Moore.	Smith.
Murphy.	Strong.
Parnell.	Stuart.
Parr.	Triplett.
Pollard.	Ward.
Price.	Westbrook.
Real.	Witt.
Reid.	Wood.
Russek.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 133 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 134.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 134, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Runnels County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Hardin of Kaufman, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 134 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Fairchild.
Berkeley.	Floyd.
Bledsoe.	Hardin of Erath.
Bowers.	Hardin of Kaufman
Davis.	Holbrook.

Lewis.	Russek.
Miller.	Smith.
Moore.	Strong.
Murphy.	Stuart.
Parnell.	Triplett.
Parr.	Ward.
Pollard.	Westbrook.
Price.	Witt.
Real.	Wood.
Reid.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 134 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 146.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 146, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Fayette County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Price, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 146 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Bowers.
Berkeley.	Davis.
Bledsoe.	Fairchild.

Floyd.	Real.
Hardin of Erath.	Reid.
Hardin of Kaufman	Russek.
Holbrook.	Smith.
Lewis.	Strong.
Miller.	Stuart.
Moore.	Triplett.
Murphy.	Ward.
Parnell.	Westbrook.
Parr.	Witt.
Pollard.	Wood.
Price.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 60 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 152.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 152, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Reeves County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Pollard, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 152 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 152 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 184.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Wise County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Westbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 184 put on its

third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 184 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 212.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 212, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Victoria County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Strong, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was sus-

pended, and H. B. No. 212 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 212 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 213.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 213, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Victoria County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Bailey, the

constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 213 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 213 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 222.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 222, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating and legalizing bonds issued by counties for the construction of roads within such counties and for the construction and or purchase of roads of any defined district or political subdivision thereof and the levy of taxes for payment of such county bonds; authorizing the assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes in all such counties for the payment of such county

bonds now outstanding or hereafter issued, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Wood, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 222 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 222 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bill No. 305.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. B. No. 305, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Athens Independent School District in Henderson County, Texas; providing a board of trustees therefor, and vesting said independent school district board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the General Laws of

Texas; divesting the town of Athens of the control and management of the public schools thereof and vesting the same in the Athens Independent School District as herein created, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Pollard, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 305 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

H. B. No. 305 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Message From The House.

The Chair recognized the Door-keeper who introduced a messenger from the House with the following message:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 322, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Eason Independent School District in Dawson County, Texas."

H. B. No. 325, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Monroe Independent School District in Lubbock County, Texas."

H. B. No. 330, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Wortham Independent School District in Freestone County."

H. C. R. No. 6, Investigating the fees of John Tarleton Agricultural College in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas.

Respectfully Submitted.

C. L. PHINNEY,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Simple Resolution No. 24.

Senator Price received unanimous consent to send up the following resolution:

By Senator Price:

Whereas, General M. B. Vance of Little Rock, Arkansas, who rendered distinguished service for the Confederacy during the Civil War and who is now Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate Veterans, is on the floor of the Senate;

Therefore Be it Resolved, That General Vance be invited to address the Senate.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Address by General M. B. Vance.

General M. B. Vance of Little Rock, Arkansas, Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate Veterans, in response to the invitation above, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senate Bill No. 267.

The Chair laid before the Senate, S. B. No. 267, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create road district No. 4, in Austin County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Russek, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 267 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

S. B. No. 267 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Senate Bill No. 268.

The Chair laid before the Senate, S. B. No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create road district No. 10 in Fayette County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Bailey, the

constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 268 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

S. B. No. 268 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Senate Bill No. 288.

The Chair laid before the Senate, S. B. No. 288, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Breckenridge Independent School District in Stephens County, Texas, including the present Breckenridge Independent School District; defining its metes and bounds; placing said Breckenridge Independent School District under the operation of the General Laws of Texas; providing a board of school trustees for the management and control of the

schools thereof; providing that the board of trustees of the present Breckenridge Independent School District shall continue to act as such until their successors are elected and qualified as provided by the General Laws of Texas; providing that all outstanding indebtedness, including bonds of the present Breckenridge Independent School District, shall not be invalidated by this Act, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Smith, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 288 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

S. B. No. 288 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Senate Bill No. 294.

The Chair laid before the Senate S. B. No. 294, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating, approving and ratifying an election heretofore held in and throughout Jim Wells County upon the question of authorizing the issuance of \$600,000.00 of Special Road Bonds of said county and levying a tax in payment thereof; validating, approving and ratifying the petition for such election and all orders of the commissioners' court passed in respect thereto, including the order for election, the order declaring result of the election and the order authorizing the issuance of such bonds and levying a tax in payment thereof, notice of such election and returns thereof, and all other orders passed by the commissioners' court of said county in respect thereto, and certificates of county officers in respect to the authorization and issuance of said bonds; authorizing and directing the commissioners' court to complete the issuance and sale of such bonds as have not been sold for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; and providing that such bonds shall become binding obligations of said county and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said county; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court in respect to said bonds and taxes and constituting such orders, or certified copies thereof, legal evidence; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Parr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 284 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Hardin of Kaufman.
Berkeley.	Holbrook.
Bledsoe.	Lewis.
Bowers.	Miller.
Davis.	Moore.
Fairchild.	Murphy.
Floyd.	Parnell.
Hardin of Erath.	Parr.

Pollard.	Stuart.
Price.	Triplett.
Real.	Ward.
Reid.	Westbrook.
Russek.	Witt.
Smith.	Wood.
Strong.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

S. B. No. 294 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Senate Bill No. 295.

The Chair laid before the Senate, S. B. No. 295, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 115, Local and Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, same being a special road law for Duval County, Texas, by adding thereto Section 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23; validating an election for the issuance of special road bonds of said county, validating all orders of the commissioners' court in respect to said election, validating the levy of taxes in payment thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Parnell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 295 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

23—Senate.

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

S. B. No. 295 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Senate Bill No. 296.

The Chair laid before the Senate, S. B. No. 296, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a special road law for Duval County; authorizing, and permitting Duval County by and through the commissioners' court of said county, to issue bonds of said county for the purpose of funding or refunding indebtedness whether issued in the form of scrip or time warrants, either or both or otherwise, or in any other form incurred for road and bridge purposes; providing that it shall not be necessary to submit the issuance of said refunding bonds to a vote of the property taxpayers of said county; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Fairchild, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 296 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

S. B. No. 296 was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Messages from the Governor.

The Chair recognized the Door-keeper who introduced a messenger from the Governor with the following messages:

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
To the Honorable Legislature of the State of Texas.

Gentlemen: Acting under authority reserved in the original proclama-

tion convening you in Special Session, and as per request of Senator Moore. I am submitting to you for your consideration the matters set forth in the attached bill, being an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 116 of the Local and Special Laws as passed by the Thirty-third Legislature, 1913, entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as the Rockwall Independent School District," etc.

Respectfully submitted,
MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,
Governor.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
To the Honorable Legislature of the State of Texas.

Gentlemen: Acting under authority reserved in the original proclamation convening you in Special Session, and as per request of Senator Holbrook, I am submitting to you for your consideration the matters set forth in the attached Concurrent Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,
Governor.

Senate Bill No. 300.

Senator Fairchild received unanimous consent to take up out of its regular order the following bill:

S. B. No. 300. A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Buna Independent School District, in Jasper County, Texas; defining its boundaries and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the General Laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by the former Buna Independent School District shall remain in full force and effect; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Fairchild, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 300 was put on its second reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Bowers.
Berkeley.	Davis.
Bledsoe.	Fairchild.

Floyd.	Real.
Hardin of Erath.	Reid.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Smith.
Lewis.	Strong.
Miller.	Stuart.
Moore.	Triplett.
Murphy.	Ward.
Parnell.	Westbrook.
Parr.	Witt.
Pollard.	Wood.
Price.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended by unanimous consent.

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Fairchild, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 300 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Miller.
Berkeley.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Murphy.
Bowers.	Parnell.
Davis.	Parr.
Fairchild.	Pollard.
Floyd.	Price.
Hardin of Erath.	Real.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Smith.

Strong.	Westbrook.
Stuart.	Witt.
Triplett.	Wood.
Ward.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Senate Bill No. 302.

Senator Parr received unanimous consent to take up out of its regular order the following bill:

H. B. No. 302, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying and validating an election heretofore held in and throughout Willacy County upon the question of authorizing the issuance of \$300,000 special road bonds of said county and levying a tax in payment thereof; ratifying and validating the petition for such election, the order calling such election and notices thereof and all other orders passed by the commissioners' court of said county in respect thereto, including the order declaring result of such election and the order authorizing the issuance of such bonds and levying a tax in payment thereof; authorizing the commissioners' court and proper officers of Willacy County to complete the issuance of such bonds; ratifying and validating the taxes levied in payment of such bonds and authorizing and directing the commissioners' court and officers of said county to levy, assess and collect annually a general ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in said county sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof as they mature; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended by unanimous consent.

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Parr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 302 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Floyd.
Berkeley.	Hardin of Erath.
Bledsoe.	Hardin of Kaufman.
Bowers.	Holbrook.
Davis.	Lewis.
Fairchild.	Miller.

Moore.	Smith.
Murphy.	Strong.
Parnell.	Stuart.
Parr.	Triplett.
Pollard.	Ward.
Price.	Westbrook.
Real.	Witt.
Reid.	Wood.
Russek.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Simple Resolution No. 8.

Senator Stuart moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate on yesterday adopted Simple Resolution No. 8.

The motion to reconsider prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Bowers.	Real.
Floyd.	Reid.
Hardin of Erath.	Smith.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Lewis.	Triplett.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Parr.	Wood.
Pollard.	Woodward.

Nays—10.

Bailey.	Murphy.
Berkeley.	Parnell.
Davis.	Russek.
Fairchild.	Strong.
Holbrook.	Ward.

Absent.

Bledsoe. Price.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following resolution:

S. R. No. 8, a resolution providing for investigation of campaign expenses.

The resolution failed by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Bailey.	Murphy.
Berkeley.	Parnell.
Davis.	Pollard.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Holbrook.	Ward.

Nays—16.

Bowers.	Reid.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Lewis.	Triplett.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Parr.	Wood.
Real.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bledsoe. Price.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

House Bills Read and Referred.

The Chair had read and referred the following House bills:

H. B. No. 322, referred to Committee on Education.

H. B. No. 335, referred to Committee on Education.

H. B. No. 330, referred to Committee on Education.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

The Chair laid before the Senate on first reading:

H. C. R. No. 6, in regard to an investigation of John Tarleton College.

Senator Hardin of Erath moved that the resolution be not referred, but be adopted.

The resolution was adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 25.

Senator Murphy received unanimous consent to send up the following resolution:

In Memorium

SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 25.

By Murphy, Bailey, Holbrook:

Francis Charles Hume, Jr., who was a representative from Harris County in the Thirtieth Legislature, and later served for four years as a member of the Senate from the Houston District, died in Houston, Texas, on January 26, 1926, in his 52nd year.

He was born in Galveston, Texas, June 7, 1874, and was descended from a noble ancestry.

His father, Major F. Charles Hume, Sr., was a gallant Confederate soldier, and was said by army surgeons to have been the most desperately wounded soldier who ever survived his wounds in the Confederate Army.

He was a knightly gentleman of the Old School and was recognized by the Bar and courts as one of the ablest lawyers at the Texas Bar—and his son, F. Charles Hume, Jr., transmitted those splendid qualities which marked his career in private and public life.

F. Charles Hume, Jr. was graduated in 1893 from Abbott's School, Bellevue, Virginia—took with his legal course at George Washington College, Washington, D. C., and later attended the University of Texas.

He was a brilliant, fascinating, witty and eloquent speaker. As such, his reputation became nation-wide. He held membership in the Royal Society of London, the International Law Association, Texas Citizenship League, the Elks, the University Club and the Presbyterian Church.

In no way can the esteem in which he was held by his brethren of the Bar be more clearly shown than by inserting here the memorial tribute paid him by the Bar of Houston.

"Charlie Hume, as we all called him, has passed beyond, after years of suffering and affliction, mingled with great bereavements. He was born in Galveston on June 7, 1874, and began the practice of law there with his father, moving to Houston after the great storm in 1901.

"His father, Major F. Charles Hume, who preceded him in death but a few years, was one of the great lawyers of Texas. His mother, a splendid and beautiful woman, who survives him, is a niece of the wife of Sam Houston. From both sides of the family Charlie is descended from an illustrious heritage. His ancestors were among the great of the South. This family of Hume is directly descended from a line of Scottish peers, and during his lifetime Major Hume was advised that he was entitled to a British peerage, but with his characteristic modesty, said he had rather be an American citizen.

"Charlie attained national prominence as an after-dinner speaker, and addresses which he delivered before the Houston Bar Association, the State Bar Association and the American Bar Association were widely published and read, both in this country and England. He performed useful public services as a Legislator and as a State Senator, and during the last several years of his life was referee in bankruptcy for this division of the Southern District of Texas.

"This in brief tells the story of his two and fifty years. He was an honest man and during the many years of his public and professional life his integrity was never questioned."

Be it resolved, by his brethren at the Bar who survive him, That we regret his passing at an age when he should have been entering into his greatest usefulness, and we tender to his noble mother and the surviving members of his family our sincerest sympathy.

Resolved, That this memorial be entered upon the Journal of the Senate and that a copy, signed by the Lieutenant Governor and attested by the Secretary of the Senate, be transmitted to the mother of Mr. Hume.

The resolution was read and adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Holbrook received unanimous consent to send up the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9.

Whereas, Examination and use of the statutes, civil and criminal, enacted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, pursuant to report of the Codifying Commission, reveals almost every day omissions of material parts of the statutes, especially the civil statutes, and various changes in and departures from the statutes heretofore existing, and

Whereas, It is impossible for members of the Legislature, during the session, either regular or special, to examine the entire statutes and discover such errors of omission and commission, and

Whereas, It is desirable and necessary that such errors and omissions be corrected by amendment in the interests of the courts, the bar and the people,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, By the Senate, the House concurring, that a committee of two members, both of whom shall be lawyers, be appointed, one of such members by the Speaker of the House, and one by the Presiding Officer of the Senate, which committee shall have the power and is charged with the duty of reading the Civil and Criminal Statutes, chapter by chapter, article by article, and section by section, as the same appear in the statutes existing, before the recodification, and reading in like manner the statutes as codified and as adopted in 1925, and compare the two, so as to ascertain what changes, errors and omissions are revealed by the codification adopted in 1925, and report in printed form the results of its investigation to the Fortieth Legislature.

Be it further Resolved, That the members of said committee be paid \$10.00 a day each for not exceeding 90 days, and they be allowed to employ a stenographer at an expense not greater than \$450.00, and that said committee be authorized to expend not exceeding \$250.00 for printing their report.

Be it further Resolved, That the sum of \$1,250.00 be set apart and appropriated out of the contingent fund of the House and the same sum out of the contingent fund of the Senate, in carrying out the purposes of this resolution; and per diem of the members of the committee, the salary

of the stenographer and the cost of printing to be paid on accounts certified by the committee as correct.

The resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

House Bill No. 355.

Senator Pollard received unanimous consent to take up the following bill:

H. B. No. 355, creating Needam Independent School District, in Van Zandt County.

On motion of Senator Pollard, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 355 put on second reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Davis.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Strong.
Hardin of Kaufman.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parnell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended by unanimous consent.

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Pollard, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 355 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Bailey.	Hardin of Kaufman.
Berkeley.	Holbrook.
Bledsoe.	Lewis.
Bowers.	Miller.
Davis.	Moore.
Fairchild.	Murphy.
Floyd.	Parnell.
Hardin of Erath.	Parr.

Pollard.	Stuart.
Price.	Triplett.
Real.	Ward.
Reid.	Westbrook.
Russek.	Witt.
Smith.	Wood.
Strong.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

The bill was read third time and finally passed.

Adjournment.

On the motion of Senator Bailey, the Senate, at 4:08 p. m., stood adjourned until tomorrow (Friday) morning, at 10:00 o'clock.

APPENDIX.

Petition and Memorials.

Statement From John M. Cage.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President, and Members of Senate of Thirty-ninth Legislature, in Special Session.

Gentlemen: Upon the convening of the Legislature and in accordance with the law governing confirmations, the names of Hal T. Moseley and John M. Cage were, I understand, offered by the Governor for the offices of members of the State Highway Commission. As I understand, these names were sent to the Nominating Committee and while they had them under consideration, charges were preferred giving reasons why Hal Moseley and John M. Cage should not be confirmed. Further, during the consideration of these names by the Nominating Committee, a resolution was offered on the floor deferring the confirmation until the next regular session of the Legislature. Heretofore and some time during action on these confirmations, Mr. Moseley filed an answer to these charges. On consideration of the resolution to defer action John M. Cage filed a request to the Senate as follows:

"I respectfully ask that you allow me the privilege to come on the floor of the Senate in the interest of my confirmation of my appointment as a member of the Highway Commission. I thank you for your consideration and prompt response."

Upon failure of the Senate to grant this request, Mr. John M. Cage thereupon made a verbal request, which was presented by a resolution by Senator J. D. Parnell that he be granted the privilege of being heard before the Senate in session, upon a resolution to reconsider, whereupon the resolution was voted down and the Senate thereupon voted a resolution granting John M. Cage permission to address the Senate and the public on the evening of September 27, 1926, which privilege he declined, in a communication dated September 27, 1926, reading as follows:

"Recently I requested that I be granted the privilege to appear before your Honorable Body and be heard on the question of deferring action on my confirmation as Highway Commissioner. This request being denied, later I ask to be heard before the Senate in session on resolution to reconsider. I understand the motion to reconsider was voted down and a resolution was passed granting me the privilege of the use of the Senate Chamber on Monday evening to address the members of the Senate. This I must respectfully decline as I am of the opinion it would serve no good purpose. I do not wish to enter into an idle discussion of the subject, but, on the other hand, I wish to express to you what I think is for the best interest of the State, and in a friendly manner, and make this, my third appeal, to be heard before your body in session on the question to reconsider.

Your consideration of this request will be highly appreciated and I assure you of my earnest and sincere desire to co-operate with the Senate to the good of the Highway Department and the State of Texas in general."

After the writing of this letter, the question came up as to the status of the appointments under the Senate's action to defer, upon which the Governor advised, by letter addressed to John M. Cage, Highway Commissioner, Austin, Texas, under date of September 27, 1926, which letter is as follows:

"Hon. John M. Cage, Highway Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

"Dear Mr. Cage:

"This will confirm our conversation of today in which I stated to you that based upon advice of good law-

yers that if the Senate fails to confirm your appointment during its present session that your office and other offices in like condition will become vacant.

"In support of this contention my attention has been especially called to that part of Section 12 of Article 4 of the Constitution which reads as follows:

"If rejected said office shall immediately become vacant and the Governor shall without delay make further nominations until a confirmation takes place. But should there be no confirmation during the session of the Senate, the Governor shall not thereafter appoint any person to fill such vacancy who has been rejected by the Senate; but may appoint some other person to fill the vacancy until the next session of the Senate'."

"It is urged that this language clearly shows that your confirmation can fail by two ways, one being an affirmative vote of the Senate rejecting your nomination, and the other by a failure of confirmation, and in which event the office would become vacant by failure of the Senate to take action. That is self evident because the language plainly says that the Governor shall appoint some other person to fill the vacancy should there be no confirmation during the session of the Senate. It is, therefore clear that if there be no confirmation the vacancy follows as a matter of law.

Aside from any technical construction, it is clear from a liberal reading of the Constitution that it is the duty of the Governor to present recess appointments and have the Senate act upon the same whether at a called session or a regular session.

Therefore if your nomination is defeated in either of the ways mentioned, then I shall deem it my duty to appoint some other person to fill the office. I regret that such action may be necessary in the premises.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,
Governor.

In connection with these charges, on September 21, 1926, a concurrent resolution was offered in the House relating to Road Contracts, which resolution is as follows:

"Relating to Road Contracts.

"Mr. Purl offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 1, requesting and urging the State Highway Commission to desist from making contracts based upon revenues for future years.

"Whereas, It has been made known to the Legislature that the State Highway Commission has been making apportionments and entering into contracts out of future revenues and in this way attempting to tie up future revenues coming into the State Highway Fund which procedure is in excess of the authority of the State Highway Commission, and is detrimental to the best interests of the people of the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the House of Representatives the Senate concurring, That the members of the State Highway Commission are hereby requested and urged by both the House and the Senate of the State of Texas to desist and refrain from its present practice of making apportionments and letting contracts, based upon revenues to come into the State Highway Fund for future years, and that it is requested by both Houses of the Legislature that the said State Highway Commission confine the letting of contracts out of the State Highway Fund of monies available for the current year which are included in the appropriation act passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature.

"The resolution was read second time.

"On Motion of Mr. Wallace of Freestone, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic."

On September —, 1926, the following charges were delivered to John M. Cage:

Specifications of Reasons Why Hal T. Moseley and John Cage, Nominated to the Highway Commission, Should not be Confirmed.

1. Frank V. Lanham and Joe Burkett resigned from the Highway Commission on or about the 25th day of November, 1925. During their incumbency they had executed certain contracts with the American Road Company, Delaware corporation, for the asphaltic surfacings of State highways in this State, covering 1056 miles of road and involving the ultimate expenditure of several million

dollars. These contracts were cancelled in a suit instituted by the Attorney General, judgment being entered on the 20th day of November, 1925. It was shown that the contract price was more than three times the cost of the work to the American Road Company. In an attempted justification of the contracts it was contended by the defendants and members of the Highway Commission that a second surfacing was contemplated which would have involved additional expenditures by the American Road Company and a consequent reduction of their profits. The District Judge, Honorable Geo. Calhoun, embodied in his judgment a finding that even under this construction, the contract price was unreasonably high, and cancelled the contracts as having been made in abuse of official discretion, awarding to the State a recovery of \$600,000 as excess profit. It was immediately stated by Jas. E. Ferguson and Frank V. Lanham that a second surface treatment would have to be made, though at that time there was no means of determining that such treatment would be required.

After the recess appointments of Mr. Moseley and Mr. Cage, they proceeded to advertise for bids for resurfacing upon nearly all the roadway treated by the American Road Company. Before the advertising, W. P. Kemper, Acting State Highway Engineer, under temporary appointment by the Highway Commission, Mr. Moseley, Mr. Cage and Mr. Bickett, suggested to Chairman Moseley that a trip of inspection of the roads should be made in order to determine the desirability of any treatment, and if found desirable, the kind of treatment which should be applied. This suggestion was not heeded by the Commission. After the advertising, Engineer Kemper, upon his own initiative, made such a trip of inspection. Upon his return, he made a report to the Commission advising in substance that 75% or 80% of the treated surface was yet in first-class condition; that 60% to 75% was still not fully matured in that there remained unused asphalt in the surface that during the next year should take up 15% to 20% more cover material if maintained with proper attention, "therefore not needing any second treatment this year of any kind except possibly a small amount of

patching and proper maintenance." And, he further advised that an application of asphalt could not be successfully made upon a considerable portion of the highways, and that he could not recommend the full second course treatment as specified and bid on, since the surface "would be in far better condition a year from now to receive a second course treatment of some approved type."

The report of Mr. Kemper was dated March 5, 1926, and a few days later, Mr. Kemper was relieved of his duties as Acting State Highway Engineer.

About the same time, the State Highway Maintenance Engineer, Mr. Henry J. Cox, recommended to the Commission that if any treatment should be applied to these roads it should be of a permanent type and not the temporary resurfacing such as had been done with the American Road Company.

In the face of these recommendations, the Highway Commission awarded contracts to H. K. McColcum, of Tarrant County, Cocke & Turner, of Harrison County, and McClung Construction Company, Contractors, calling for the resurfacing of nearly four million yards of the 4,444,000 originally surfaced by the American Road Company. The contract specifications called for a uniform application of five-tenths of a gallon of asphalt per square yard, as advertised. The advertising contemplated contract obligations substantially greater than those imposed upon the American Road Company, necessarily increasing the price to be bid by interested contractors. The contracts as finally made contemplated a total expenditure to the contractors and for cover material to be used by them, of nearly One Million Dollars of public money.

It is charged that these contracts were let in the face of expert advice to the contrary, purely for political purposes to justify, in a measure, the American Road Company contracts, and to discredit the action of the Attorney General in prosecuting the cancellation suit against the last named company; that Hal. T. Moseley and John Cage knowingly participated in this action at the direction of Jas. E. Ferguson and Frank V. Lanham; that they abused their official discretion in that the work called for by said contracts was wholly unnecessary

and not even desirable from the public standpoint; that the expenditures contemplated and actually made under said contracts constituted a deliberate waste of public funds which cannot be justified.

As proof conclusive that the contracts as advertised for, bid upon and awarded were ill-advised, is shown by the fact that subsequently it was found necessary by the engineers of the Highway Department to modify the specifications to the extent that on approximately one-half of surface only three-tenths of a gallon of asphalt was applied to the square yard as against five-tenths called for by the contract.

2. Among the contractors favored by the Highway Commission during the incumbency of Mr. Lanham and Mr. Burkett was the Sherman-Youmans Construction Company, of Houston, a partnership composed of L. A. Sherman and F. C. Youmans. This concern acquired maintenance contracts in Harris and Galveston Counties, and surfacing contracts upon certain highways in such counties. A suit is pending to cancel asphalt contracts awarded this concern and to recover excessive profits. The Division Superintendent under whose direction this Company performed its contracts as

Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson repeatedly complained of the maintenance done by Sherman-Youmans Co. as unsatisfactory, and declined to approve estimates and accounts presented by the contractors. Mr. Atkinson was transferred to another division by the Highway Commission after the appointment of Mr. Moseley and Mr. Cage, and L. W. S. Mantel appointed to succeed him in the Houston Division. Mr. Mantel also found the maintenance work done by Sherman and Youmans to be unsatisfactory and refused to approve their accounts. Whereupon, he was removed and a successor appointed and the accounts of Sherman and Youmans for maintenance work were finally approved.

It is charged that the action of Messrs. Moseley and Cage in this matter was, in the face of the recommendation of their engineers, taken only because this contracting firm was favored by Jas. E. Ferguson and that their action was against the public interest.

3. During the incumbency of Mr. Lanham and Mr. Burkett about 120 maintenance contracts were awarded private contractors calling for the maintenance of designated State high-

ways in as many counties for a period of one year. A lump sum payment was provided for, to be made in twelve equal installments. This payment was to be made regardless of the amount of work done or the cost to the contractors. In 33 counties these contracts were awarded to others than the lowest bidders, involving an expenditure of about \$165,000 in excess of the low bids. On October 15, 1925, this was formally called to the attention of the Highway Commission and they were advised by the Attorney General that in his opinion the public interest required the cancellation of such contracts as were let for sums substantially higher than the lowest bid. After the resignation of Mr. Lanham and Mr. Burkett, who had not taken any steps towards the cancellation of 29 out of the 33 contracts, the attention of Mr. Moseley and Mr. Cage was directed to this matter. They, likewise, did nothing towards the cancellation of those contracts but permitted the same to continue for the full term, involving an excessive expenditure of public money.

4. Mr. Moseley and Mr. Cage have likewise allotted State aid in large sums to various counties in Texas for the construction of State highways, which sums were greatly in excess of the anticipated revenues for the current fiscal year, or for the biennium, ending September 1, 1927, indeed, the entire revenues available for State aid in 1927 and 1928, have already been mortgaged by means of these allotments.

It is charged that this action is in violation of the law, and in many instances was taken only for political purposes to secure the favor of the officials and the people of the various counties concerned. That such action was against the public interest, and in violation of the law.

5. These Commissioners have likewise in some instances pledged the revenue of the State to build highways without any expenditure on the part of the counties interested, involving a hardship upon the taxpayers of other counties of Texas.

6. Messrs. Mosely and Cage, during their incumbency as recess appointees, have shown no disposition to depart from the general policies of the administration of the Highway Department approved by Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Lanham, and Mr. Burkett. The people of Texas in the

Democratic primaries showed in overwhelming majorities that they disapproved these policies, and desired the next Governor to administer the Highway Department along the lines advocated by him in the campaign. Messrs. Moseley and Cage have shown no sympathy with the policies advocated by the successful candidate. If confirmed, Mr. Cage will hold over during the entire two years of the next administration.

The confirmation by the Senate of these two appointees would be directly contrary to the expressed will of the people.

Moreover, the Democratic nominee for Governor, in presenting his candidacy to the people of Texas, charged repeatedly that the Highway Commission of Texas, since February, 1925, had been dominated in its official acts and its determination of policies by a private citizen, James E. Ferguson. He cited as evidence to prove his charge the execution of the resurfacing contracts described in Specification 1 hereof, and his candidacy for Governor was based upon a demand that the influence of James E. Ferguson in the administration of the Highway Department be brought to an end. By a majority of more than 220,000 the Texas electorate approved and joined in this demand.

It is now charged that the three members of the Highway Commission, Hal T. Moseley, John Cage and John H. Bickett, Sr., are in fact dominated by this influence of James E. Ferguson; that their confirmation will result in the perpetuation of this influence through the entire two years of the next succeeding administration; and that said members of the Highway Commission are beholden to the said James E. Ferguson by reason of their appointment to their offices, and that this obligation would continue through their respective terms of office. That the incoming Governor cannot accomplish a successful administration of the Highway Department in accordance with the policies approved by the people unless a majority of the Highway Commission themselves concur in these policies. That if Messrs. Moseley and Cage are confirmed, it will necessarily result that two members, or a majority of the Highway Commission, will not be in sympathy

with these policies and will not cooperate with the Governor to the end of an administration in accordance with the sovereign will.

An Answer: To Specifications of Reasons Why Hal Moseley and John Cage Nominated to the Highway Commission Should not be Confirmed.

Commissioners John Cage and Hal Moseley were appointed members of the Highway Commission by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson on December 4, 1925.

(1) Second Treatment of Highways Formerly Given One Treatment by American Road Company.

During January or February, 1926 the question of a second treatment of the above highway was discussed in the office of the chairman. Those present were Hal Moseley, Chairman, R. J. Hank, Highway Engineer, and H. J. Cox, Maintenance Engineer. The question of an inspection of the roads by an engineer to determine the advisability of a second treatment was discussed. Mr. R. J. Hank informed me that this inspection had already been made. This report was begun on November 18, 1925, and completed November 24, 1925, by Mr. Joe Estill, Division Engineer, now stationed at Tyler, Texas.

Mr. W. P. Kemper was appointed Acting Highway Engineer succeeding Mr. R. J. Hank December 30, 1925, effective January 15, 1926.

On February 10, 1926, Engineer W. P. Kemper and H. J. Cox prepared a schedule of roads that should be given a second treatment. This schedule was based on the report made by Engineer Estill, also on the more recent inspections made by Engineers Kemper and Cox.

It was the understanding between Mr. W. P. Kemper and the Commission that he was to act as Highway Engineer sixty days. Prior to the expiration of the sixty days he asked for confirmation as Highway Engineer on two separate occasions. This confirmation was deferred and later two members objected to his confirmation. On March the 16th, Mr. A. C. Love was appointed Highway Engineer. On March 5th bids were opened on the second treatment of the above highways.

Mr. Cage states that the letter written by W. P. Kemper and dated March 5, 1925, was not received by him until after the discussion of surfacing contracts on March 13th.

Reference to State Highway Maintenance Engineer H. J. Cox disapproving the surface treatment of gravel roads. We quote from his letter of March 15th to the Commission as follows: "From an economic standpoint the rigid pavements are to be preferred over the flexible surface treatments, however, the results obtained with either pavements or surface treatment depends largely upon the stability of the base on which the wearing surface is applied. If the base is faulty and liable to fail neither type should be used until the defective base conditions have been remedied."

Gravel roads deteriorate from one inch to two inches per annum. Surface treatment is an economical method of preventing this rapid deterioration and it is good engineering practice to apply the asphalt in two courses and since the roads had had but one treatment it was deemed advisable to carry the work to completion, by a second application.

With reference to contracts being ill-advised and that .03 gallon was used on some sections of road. We quote from specifications: "It is further agreed that the quantities of work and materials to be furnished may be increased or diminished as may be considered necessary in the opinion of the engineer." It was agreed between the Commission and the three contractors that in the event it became necessary to use less than .5 gallons of asphalt on any portion of the roads only that amount would be paid for. This agreement was made before the work was started by the contractors.

Mr. E. S. Atkinson, former Division Engineer in Harris and Galveston Counties, was dismissed from the department because he was incompetent. Mr. L. W. S. Mantel's extravagance in connection with his expense accounts was the reason for his dismissal.

With reference to the Sherman-Youmans maintenance contracts.—Considerable trouble was experienced by this department with the engineers not keeping proper check on work done. However, it was finally

straightened out and upon the approval of the Attorney General's Department those bills were paid.

With reference to the non-cancellation of maintenance contracts, in twenty-nine counties.—The Commission considered this a legal matter and if cancellation was desired by the Attorney General's Department initiation of these suits should be by that Department.

Reference to allotments.—The average allotments by former Commissions for the last five years has averaged \$10,000,000. This Commission has allotted \$6,250,000 since January 1, 1923.

Chairman.

Member.

In addition to the answers given by Mr. Moseley, Commissioner John M. Cage, in his own behalf, is filing his answer to the first charge:

Reference is hereby made to attached letters and other documents marked respectively,

First: Exhibit "C", being notes in connection with letting of resurfacing contracts.

Second: Exhibit "D", being tabulation of bids received for the letting of the resurfacing contracts.

Third: Exhibit "E", being copies of letters from Maintenance Engineer, Henry J. Cox, dated respectively March 15th and 17th, 1926.

Fourth: Exhibit "F", being Wardamite Asphalt Cement Pamphlet, with a typewritten supplement containing recommendations for asphaltic surface treatment of gravel and shell roads by Mr. J. E. Ward, who is a pioneer of wide experience in this particular type of surfacing, and a recognized authority.

Fifth: Exhibit "G", copy of notes in connection with opening of the bids for resurfacing contracts.

With reference to Mr. W. P. Kemper, attention is called to the following facts:

That he was appointed Acting Highway Engineer on Dec. 30, 1925, effective Jan. 15, 1926, for a period of sixty days; that on March 2, 1926, Mr. Kemper asked to be confirmed as State Highway Engineer in the presence of the three Commissioners; upon hearing the request, Com-

missioner John M. Cage made the statement that he was not ready to take action on the confirmation; then, on the following day, March 3, 1926, Mr. Kemper made a second request for his confirmation, whereupon Commissioner Cage stated that he was not ready and had decided that he would not at any time vote for the confirmation of Mr. Kemper as State Highway Engineer, which action was concurred in by Mr. Bickett in the presence of Mr. Kemper. Though Cage's reasons were not stated, one particular reason that is now given is that Commissioner Cage thought Mr. Kemper was misleading him about certain matters which he had discussed with him and to which Commissioner Cage endeavored to get Mr. Kemper to commit himself in writing, as evidenced by attached copy of letter, marked Exhibit "H", reply to which letter Mr. Kemper has never made.

Commissioner Cage calls attention to the following facts to substantiate his proof that Mr. Kemper was let out on March 3rd, 1926; that his successor, Mr. A. C. Love, was elected on March 3, 1926, effective March 15, 1926. That during the first week in March, 1926, the newspapers carried articles announcing a pending change in the State Highway Engineer, and on March 6, 1926, announced the appointment of Mr. A. C. Love as State Highway Engineer, and his acceptance.

The letter dated March 5, 1926, from Mr. W. P. Kemper, on the subject of Second Course Bituminous Treatment, was written after this action was taken and with his knowledge that he had been superseded by Mr. Love, effective March 15, 1926, which letter from Mr. Kemper was never taken into consideration in the letting of contracts for the reason that he had been discredited particularly in the opinion of Mr. Cage and by his own acts.

With reference to the application of five-tenths of a gallon of asphalt to the square yard the paragraph pertaining to the reduction was placed in the specifications at the suggestion and instance of Highway Commissioner John M. Cage, as evidenced by Exhibit "I". This is one of the reasons that he would not vote for the confirmation of Mr. Kemper as he had tried to get this information from him and Mr. Kemper would not give him the proper information.

With reference to the charge that the State Highway Maintenance Engineer, Mr. Henry J. Cox, recommended to the Commission that if any treatment should be applied to these roads it should be of a permanent type and not temporary resurfacing such as had been done by the American Road Company, Mr. Cage refers to a letter from Mr. Cox, marked Exhibit "E" and attached hereto.

In answer to the charge that "these contracts were let in the face of expert advice to the contrary, purely for political purposes to justify the American Road Company contracts, and to discredit the action of the Attorney General in prosecuting the cancellation suit against the last named company; that Hal T. Moseley and John Cage knowingly participated in this action at the direction of James E. Ferguson and Frank V. Lanham; that they abused their official discretion in that the work called for by said contracts was wholly unnecessary and not even desirable from the public standpoint; that the expenditure contemplated and actually made under said contracts constituted a deliberate waste of public funds which cannot be justified," it is shown that in advertising for the bids on resurfacing that the specifications included Amiesite and Rock Asphalt, which were inserted in the specifications purely for competitive purposes as to materials; that the bids were competitive and regular in their letting. Commissioner Cage, realizing that he could not depend upon the advice and information from the Acting State Highway Engineer, Mr. Kemper, sought the opinion of expert engineers and contractors, none of whom advised him to the contrary but advised him, in the main, that in order to conserve the investment already placed on these roads by the previous one course application, that it was imperative that a second course be applied during the summer of 1926.

It is a well recognized fact that in work of this magnitude that conditions over the entire scope of the work will not be the same, and, consequently, modifications of the specifications are necessary and were inserted at the instance of Commissioner Cage.

With reference to the second charge, Commissioner Cage cites you

to answer given by Mr. Hal Moseley, and calls your attention that in every case the vouchers were approved by the State Highway Engineer and Maintenance Engineer, and in at least one instance they were not paid except under the advice of the Attorney General.

With reference to the third charge, Commissioner Cage calls attention that shortly after his appointment he went to the Attorney General's office, seeking his cooperation and legal advice in Highway matters, and that he is now of the opinion that the cancellation of the maintenance contracts was a legal matter and that the Highway Commissioners could only enforce these contracts and had no right to cancel for any reason except non-performance of their terms, as they had been entered into, as he thought, in good faith and were valid and binding contracts on the Highway Department and the State of Texas; that the vouchers in payment of these contracts were, in each instance, regular and approved by the proper authorities and customary channels.

With reference to the fourth charge, in answer to this we beg to call your attention to the answer or report of the House on the Concurrent Resolution Relating to Road Contracts. As to the charge that Cage and Moseley, or answering in this petition as to Cage in particular, of violating any law is without foundation, or that these allotments were made for political purposes, is untrue, and that it was against public interest and in violation of the law is denied.

With reference to the fifth charge, it has not been the policy of this Commission to allot money to counties on an entirely new project without the county was furnishing a part of the funds. In some instances, where counties had already expended their funds, it is possible that this Commission has granted further aid to finish the project.

With reference to the sixth charge, it is denied that Cage and Moseley have followed the general policies of former Commissions approved by Mr. Ferguson, but have in every instance, worked to provide a business-like, systematic, efficient administration of highway affairs, and in support of this we cite you that Cage and Moseley have adopted a policy

to state maintenance with an organization of State Highway maintenance forces replacing the former maintenance contracts. Quoting from this paragraph:

"If confirmed, Mr. Cage will hold over during the entire two years of the next administration. The confirmation by the Senate of these two appointees would be directly contrary to the expressed will of the people."

We cite you to the fact that when the Legislature organized the Highway Department they provided specifically for two, four and six years term men in order that each Governor would have the appointment of one Commissioner only, and in this case, should Cage and Moseley not be confirmed, the incoming Governor would have the appointment of two Commissioners and the intent of the law would be nullified.

The charge in the paragraphs quoted below:

"Moreover, the Democratic nominee for Governor, in presenting his candidacy to the people of Texas, charged repeatedly that the Highway Commission of Texas, since February, 1925, had been dominated in its official acts and its determination of policies by a private citizen, James E. Ferguson. He cited as evidence to prove his charge the execution of the resurfacing contracts described in Specification 1 hereof, and his candidacy for Governor was based upon a demand that the influence of James E. Ferguson in the administration of the Highway Department be brought to an end. By a majority of more than 220,000 the Texas electorate approved and joined in this demand.

"It is now charged that the three members of the Highway Commission, Hal T. Moseley, John Cage and John H. Bickett Sr., are in fact dominated by this influence of James E. Ferguson; that their confirmation will result in the perpetuation of this influence through the entire two years of the next succeeding administration; and that said members of the Highway Commission are beholden to the said James E. Ferguson by reason of their appointment to their offices, and that this obligation would continue through their respective terms of office. That the incoming Governor cannot accomplish a successful administration of the

Highway Department in accordance with the policies approved by the people unless a majority of the Highway Commission themselves concur in these policies. That if Messrs. Moseley and Cage are confirmed, it will necessarily result that two members or a majority of the Highway Commission, will not be in sympathy with these policies and will not cooperate with the Governor to the end of an administration in accordance with sovereign will," is denied by Commissioner John Cage that James E. Ferguson, or any other person, dominates or unduly influences the official or any other acts of John Cage; that people that know John Cage know him to be a man that acts on his own initiative, after due deliberation and thorough investigation of the subject on which he is passing. Mr. Cage denies the allegation that the administration of the present Highway Commission was an issue in the late gubernatorial campaign.

As further evidence that Commissioner John Cage has applied himself to the work of the Department, he is attaching hereto documents that have been compiled at his request showing the status from time to time of the true financial condition of the Highway Department, and showing by estimates of receipts and disbursements, how the Department would stand at the end of each month. These estimates of receipts are taken from the actuals of 1925. You will note, from sheet marked Exhibit "L" that figures disclose the fact that the Department will have a debit balance of \$674,000.00 on October first. Further statements reveal the fact that through his efforts, that instead of a deficiency in that amount on October first, it is estimated that the Department will in fact have a credit balance, and that there will not be a deficiency on the first of any month following. We wish to call your attention also to a statement marked Exhibit "M", hereto attached, being cost of concrete pavement for the years 1924, 1925 and 1926, which discloses that the average price of concrete work in 1924 was \$2.55 per square yard; average price in 1925 \$2.60 per square yard; the average price for 1926 was \$2.34 per square yard, or that we are saving the State in 1926 over 1924 seven and a half miles out of every one hundred miles

of new concrete construction, and that the savings of 1926 over 1925 in concrete construction is ten miles out of every one hundred miles.

There are other items of efficiency and systems that have been adopted by this Commission that are too voluminous to go into at this time.

Your consideration of these answers to the charges which are unsigned is respectfully requested.

JOHN M. CAGE.

Privilege Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 291 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly engrossed.

STRONG, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 298 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly engrossed.

STRONG, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

We, your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 92, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Dimmitt County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county, in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

RUSSELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 203, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Calhoun County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county, in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement of publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

BERKELEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 214, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Victoria County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance, and sale of certain

road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county, in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

BERKELEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 210, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 6, in Ellis County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county, in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

BERKELEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

We, your Committee on Public
Health, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 215, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to create Road District
No. 7, in Victoria County, Texas,
validating and approving all orders
made by the commissioners' court of
said county, in respect to the organi-
zation, issuance, and sale of certain
road bonds thereof, and providing
for their payment by the levy, assess-
ment and collection of general ad
valorem taxes on all taxable property
in said road district; approving and
validating all orders of the commis-
sioners' court of said county, in re-
spect of said road district, bonds and
taxes, or certified copies thereof, and
constituting such orders legal evi-
dence; evidencing proof of publica-
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or in the Journal; and the Commit-
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quirement for publication of notice
of intention to apply for the enact-
ment of Local or Special Laws has
been complied with.

BERKELEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Pub-
lic Health, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 182, A bill to be entitled
"An Act validating the authorization,
issuance and sale of Cochran County
Special Road Bonds, and providing
for their payment, for the annual
levy, assessment and collection of
general ad valorem taxes on all tax-
able property in said Cochran Coun-
ty, Texas; approving and validating
all orders of the commissioners'
court of said county in respect to
said Cochran County special road
bonds and taxes, and the payment
thereof, or the certified copy thereof,
and constituting such orders legal
evidence, and declaring an emer-
gency."

Have had the same under consid-
eration, and I am instructed to report

the same back to the Senate, with
the recommendation that it do pass,
and be not printed.

BERKELEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil
Jurisprudence, to whom was referred,

S. B. No. 287, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to authorize any county or
political subdivision or road district
now or hereafter to be described and
defined within any county in this
State, upon a vote of two-thirds ma-
jority of the resident property tax-
payers, voting thereon, who are
qualified electors of such county,
or political subdivision or road dis-
trict, to issue bonds in any amount
not to exceed one-fourth of the as-
sessed valuation of the real prop-
erty of such county, or political sub-
division or road district, and to levy
and collect ad valorem taxes on all
taxable property therein to pay the
interest on said bonds and to provide
a sinking fund for the redemption
thereof, for the purpose of the con-
struction, maintenance and operation
of macadamized, graveled or paved
roads and turnpikes, or in aid there-
of; authorizing the commissioners
courts of the several counties in the
State to establish one or more road
districts in their respective counties
and which such districts may or may
not include villages, towns or mu-
nicipal corporations or any portion
thereof, and may or may not include
previously created road districts and
political subdivisions; prescribing the
procedure for the voting and issua-
nce of such bonds by counties, and
political subdivisions and road dis-
tricts; providing that road districts,
and political subdivisions accepting
the provisions of this act shall be
bodies corporate; providing that the
commissioner in whose precinct such
political subdivision or road district
is situated shall be ex-officio road
superintendent thereof; requiring ad-
vertisement for bids on all road con-
tract work in excess of fifty dollars;
authorizing and providing for the
issuance of county bonds where such
bonds have been voted and author-
ized by a vote of two-thirds majority
of the qualified voters for the pur-
pose of the purchase or the construc-
tion of district roads in all road dis-
tricts of such county, and for the

further construction of roads throughout the county where district bonds have been voted and issued by such road district, and authorizing counties wherein any road district or districts is situated that has issued bonds to vote and issue county bonds for the purchase or construction of such district roads and the further construction of roads throughout the county, and providing for the issuance of such county road bonds where same have been authorized by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the qualified voters for the purpose of the construction of district roads and the further construction of roads throughout the county where district bonds have been voted, but have not been sold, and the proceeds not expended by such road district or districts in constructing district roads therein and providing for the cancellation and destruction of any unsold district bonds; authorizing the exchange or deposit of county bonds for any district bonds that have been sold; providing for the issuance of county bonds for the purchase of district roads and the further construction of roads throughout the county where any road district or districts have issued bonds and the proceeds derived from the sale thereof have been applied to the construction of roads within and for such district; authorizing the exchange or deposit of county bonds for any such district bonds thus substituted and providing for the cancellation and destruction of such district bonds so retired; providing that such county bonds so issued to offset and retire any such district bonds shall be similar to said district bonds except that they shall be county obligations instead of district obligations; providing that county bonds issued in excess of the amount required to offset and retire such district bonds shall be issued, and sold; providing for the issuance of bonds by any road district that includes a previously created political subdivision or road district for the purpose of the purchase or construction of roads in such included subdivision or district, and the further construction of roads throughout the district subsequently created; providing that nothing herein shall invalidate any bond elections previously ordered or held in any county or political subdivision or defined district thereof for the pur-

pose of constructing roads therein; authorizing any county operating under a special road law to take advantage of the provisions of this act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed in the Journal.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred,

S. C. R. No. 5, being resolution "Accepting a donation from the Palacios Campsite Association, Incorporated, representing the business interests of the City of Palacios, of certain lands at or near Palacios, for the establishment and maintenance of a permanent encampment for the Texas National Guard, and directing the execution of a deed from General John A. Hulen, trustee, conveying the property to the State of Texas, for the use and benefit of the Texas National Guard."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be passed, and be not printed in regular form, but that it be printed in the Journal.

WIRTZ, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 12, in Cass County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of

publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 199, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Frio County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 200, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Live Oak County, Texas,

validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 201, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 6, in Live Oak County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement

for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 204, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Calhoun County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 218, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Houston County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the com-

missioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 29, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds of Justice Precinct No. 8, of Robertson County, Texas, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said precinct; approving and validating all orders of the commissioner's court of said county in respect to said justice precinct, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; declaring such justice precinct a political subdivision of said county under Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds proof of publication of the constitutional notice required in the enactment of Local and Special Laws has been made in the manner and form provided by law.

MURPHY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 29, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 251, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds of Justice Precinct No. 1, of Cooke County, Texas, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said precinct; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect to said justice precinct bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; declaring such justice precinct a political subdivision of said county under Section 52, Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds proof of publication of the constitutional notice required in the enactment of Local and Special Laws has been made in the manner and form provided by law.

MURPHY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 29, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 232, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Victoria County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said

county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

MURPHY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 29, 1926
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Red River County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

MURPHY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 29, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 252, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Clay County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

MURPHY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 260, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Gonzales County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional

notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

TRIPLETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 233, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Live Oak County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local and Special Laws has been complied with.

TRIPLETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 217, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Houston County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local and Special Laws has been complied with.

TRIPLETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 216, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Houston County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate

with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local and Special Laws has been complied with.

TRIPLETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 249, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds of the Commissioners' Precinct No. 1, of Robertson County, Texas, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said precinct; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court in respect to said commissioners' precinct, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; declaring such commissioners' precinct a political subdivision of said county under Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local and Special Laws has been complied with.

TRIPLETT, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 255, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District

No. 7, in Clay County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local and Special Laws has been complied with.

Ward, Chairman; Fairchild, Woodward, Strong, Murphy, Bledsoe.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 258, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Gonzales County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to re-

port the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local and Special Laws has been complied with.

Ward, Chairman; Fairchild, Woodward, Strong, Murphy, Bledsoe.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 253, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Clay County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county, in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

Ward, Chairman; Fairchild, Woodward, Strong, Murphy, Bledsoe.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 254, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Clay County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county, in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

Ward, Chairman; Fairchild, Woodward, Strong, Murphy, Bledsoe.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 259, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Gonzales County, Texas validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county, in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

Ward, Chairman; Fairchild, Woodward, Strong, Murphy, Bledsoe.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 261, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Gonzales County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county, in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

Ward, Chairman; Fairchild, Woodward, Strong, Murphy, Bledsoe.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.
Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal

inal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 265, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 9, in Limestone County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county, in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

Ward, Chairman; Fairchild, Woodward, Strong, Murphy, Bledsoe.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 29, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Penitentiaries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 300, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Buna Independent School District in Jasper County, Texas; defining its boundaries and conferring upon said district and the the board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the General Laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by the former Buna Independent School District shall remain in full force and effect; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate

with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

FAIRCHILD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 8, in Cass County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 177, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 6, in Fisher County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said

county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 29, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 297, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 146, of the Acts of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, entitled 'An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 70, of the Acts of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, Third Called Session, by re-defining and adding to the Dumas Independent School District all of the territory now embraced in Common School District No. 7 of Moore County, Texas, and adding thereto Section 1b, divesting the said Common School District No. 7 of the control of the public free schools in said District No. 7, and investing the said Dumas Independent School District with full control of the public free schools within the limits of said independent district, as herein defined'; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal.

WITT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 29, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 313, A bill to be entitled "An Act to enlarge and re-create the Dayton Independent School District in Liberty County, Texas, defining its boundaries, to provide for the election of trustees, providing for the retention of office of the present board of trustees of the Dayton Independent School District, and providing for the abolition of all other boards of trustees of any school district included within the district hereby created, providing for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, maintaining public free schools, providing for the means of transportation of the school children in said district, to provide for the establishment of voting precincts and places for the holding of elections within said district, validating all issues of bonds heretofore voted and made, declaring valid and continuing in force all maintenance taxes heretofore voted and levied, providing for an election to determine (1), whether the entire district as a whole as herein created, shall assume all outstanding bonded indebtedness, (2), whether all property within the Dayton Independent School District as created by this Act, shall be subject to all special school taxes heretofore voted and levied by the Dayton Independent School District, repealing all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal.

WITT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 302, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying and validating an election heretofore held in and throughout Willacy County upon the question of authorizing the issuance of \$300,000 special road bonds of said county and levying a tax in payment thereof; ratifying and validating the petition for such election, the order calling such election and notices thereof and all other orders passed by the commissioners' court of said county in respect thereto, including

the order declaring result of such election and the order authorizing the issuance of such bonds and levying a tax in payment thereof; authorizing the commissioners' court and proper officers of Willacy County to complete the issuance of such bonds; ratifying and validating the taxes levied in payment of such bonds and authorizing and directing the commissioners' court and officers of said county to levy assess and collect annually a general ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in said county sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof as they mature, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 226, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Refugio County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

MURPHY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 236, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Wilson County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

MURPHY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 220, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Newton County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publi-

cation of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

MURPHY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 243, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Shelby County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

MURPHY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Live Oak County, Texas,

validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

MURPHY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Congressional Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 114, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Cass County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Com-

mittee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REID, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Congressional Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Cass County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REID, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Congressional Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 119, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 14, in Cass County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable

property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REID, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Congressional Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 144, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Fayette County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REID, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Congressional Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 165, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Waller County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REID, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 306, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying and validating election heretofore held in and throughout Tom Green County, Texas, upon the question of authorizing the issuance of five hundred thousand dollars special road bonds of said county and levying a tax in payment thereof; ratifying and validating the petition for such election, the order calling such election and notice thereof, and all other orders passed by the commissioners' court of said county in respect thereto, including the order declaring the result of such election and the order authorizing the issuance of such bonds and levying a tax in payment thereof; author-

izing the commissioners' court and proper officers of Tom Green County to complete the issuance of such bonds; ratifying and validating the taxes levied in payment of such bonds and authorizing and directing the commissioners' court and officers of said county to levy, assess and collect annually a general ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in said county sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof as they mature; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal.

BERKELEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 309, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Henderson County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local and Special Laws has been complied with.

BERKELEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 289, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in Atascosa County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local and Special Laws has been complied with.

BERKELEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 298, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying and validating an election, heretofore held in and throughout Carson County, Texas, upon the question of authorizing the issuance of one million dollars special road bonds of said county and levying a tax in payment thereof, ratifying and validating the petition for such election, the order calling such election and notices thereof and all other orders passed by the commissioners' court of said county in respect thereto, including the order declaring the result of such election and the order authorizing the issuance of such bonds and levying a tax

in payment thereof; authorizing the commissioners' court and proper officers of Carson County to complete the issuance of such bonds; ratifying and validating the taxes levied in payment of such bonds and authorizing and directing the commissioners' court and officers of said county to levy, assess and collect annually a general ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in said county sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof as they mature; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal.

BERKELEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 256, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 7, in Briscoe County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred H. B. No. 257, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 8, in Briscoe County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred H. B. No. 266, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 8, in DeWitt County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing

proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred H. B. No. 269, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Karnes County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred H. B. No. 284, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District

No. 3, in Brown County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Land and Land Office, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 274, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds of Justice Precinct No. 1, of Falls County, Texas, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said precinct; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect to said justice precinct, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; declaring such justice precinct a political subdivision of said county under section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under con-

sideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REAL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Land and Land Office, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 166, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Waller County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REAL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Land and Land Office, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 174, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Colorado County, Texas, validating and approving all orders

made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REAL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Land and Land Office, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 272, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Callahan County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Com-

mittee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REAL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Land and Land Office, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 267, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Karnes County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REAL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Land and Land Office, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 175, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Nolen County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general

ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REAL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Land and Land Office, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 176, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Fisher County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REAL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Land and Land Offices, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 185, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1 in Jones County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REAL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Land and Land Offices, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Karnes County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing

proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REAL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Land and Land Offices, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 273, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds of commissioners' precinct No. 4, of Callahan County, Texas, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said precinct; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect to said commissioners' precinct, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; declaring such commissioners' precinct a political subdivision of said county under Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

REAL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 239, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3, in Refugio County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

DAVIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 283, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 2, in De Witt County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional

notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 278, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4, in Limestone County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 276, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5, in Fayette County, Texas,

validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 285, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds of Commissioners' Precinct No. 2, of Coleman County, Texas, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said precinct; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect to said Commissioners' precinct, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; declaring such commissioners' precinct a political subdivision of said county under Section 52, of Article 3, of the constitution of Texas; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to re-

port the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 282, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 8, in Panola County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds of Justice Precinct No. 5, of Robertson County, Texas, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection

of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said precinct; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to said justice precinct, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; declaring such justice precinct a political subdivision of said county, under Section 52, or Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 44, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 27, in Fannin County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice

of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 287, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the authorization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds of Commissioners' Precinct No. 1, of Coleman County, Texas, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said precinct, approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect to said commissioners' precinct, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; declaring such commissioners' precinct a political subdivision of said county under Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such act; and declaring an emergency.

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 288, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Gillespie County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal

evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 308, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 1, in Henderson County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 294, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District

No. 1, in Young County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 335, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Edom Independent School District in Van Zandt and Henderson Counties."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal.

WITT, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Institutions and Departments, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 271, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 6, in Bastrop County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain

road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOOD, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Institutions and Departments, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 280, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 20, in Milam County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enact-

ment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOOD, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Institutions and Departments, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 279, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 3 in Atascosa County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOOD, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Institutions and Departments, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 270, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 7, in DeWitt County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving

and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOOD, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Institutions and Departments, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 277, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 4 in Henderson County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOOD, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Institutions and Departments, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 275, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District No. 5 in Falls County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization, issuance and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for the payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal; and the Committee finds that the constitutional requirement for publication of notice of intention to apply for the enactment of Local or Special Laws has been complied with.

WOOD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 29, 1926.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 287, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize any county, or political subdivision or road district now or hereafter to be described and defined within any county in this State, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers, voting thereon, who are qualified electors of such county, or political subdivision or road district, to issue bonds in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county, or political subdivision or road district, and to levy and collect ad valorem taxes on all taxable property therein to pay the interest on

said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; authorizing the commissioners' courts of the several counties in the State to establish one or more road districts in their respective counties and which such districts may or may not include villages, towns or municipal corporation or any portion thereof, and may or may not include previously created road districts and political subdivisions; prescribing the procedure for the voting and issuance of such bonds by counties, and political subdivisions and road districts; providing that road districts, and political subdivisions accepting the provisions of this Act, shall be bodies corporate; providing that the commissioner in whose precinct such political subdivision or road district is situated shall be ex officio road superintendent thereof; requiring advertisement for bids on all road contract work in excess of fifty dollars; authorizing and providing for the issuance of county bonds where such bonds have been voted and authorized by a vote of two-thirds majority of the qualified voters for the purpose of the purchase or the construction of district roads in all road districts of such county and the further construction of roads throughout the county where district bonds have been voted and issued by such road district, and authorizing counties wherein any road district or districts is situated that has issued bonds to vote and issue county bonds for the purchase or construction of such district roads and the further construction of roads throughout the county, and providing the exchange or deposit of county road bonds where same have been authorized by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the qualified voters for the purpose of construction of district roads and the further construction of roads throughout the county where district bonds have been voted, but have not been sold and the proceeds not expended by such road district or districts in constructing district roads therein and providing for the cancellation and destruction of any unsold district bonds; authorizing the exchange or deposit of county

bonds for any district bonds that have been sold; providing for the issuance of county bonds for the purchase of district roads and the further construction of roads throughout the county where any road district or districts have issued bonds and the proceeds derived from the sale thereof have been applied to the construction of roads within and for such district; authorizing the exchange or deposit of county bonds for any such district bonds thus substituted and providing for the cancellation and destruction of such district bonds so retired; providing that such county bonds so issued to offset and retire any such district bonds shall be similar to said district bonds except that they shall be county obligations instead of district obligations; providing that county bonds issued in excess of the amount required to off-set and retire such district bonds shall be issued, and sold; providing for the issuance of bonds by any road district that includes a previously created political subdivision or road district for the purpose of the purchase or construction of roads in such included subdivision or district and the further construction of roads throughout the district subsequently created; providing that nothing herein shall invalidate any bond elections previously ordered or held in any county or political subdivision or defined district thereof for the purpose of constructing roads therein; authorizing any county operating under a special road law to take advantage of the provisions of this Act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed in the Journal.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Following is the bill in full:

By Senator Bailey. S. B. No. 287.

A BILL

To Be Entitled

An Act to authorize any county, or political subdivision or road district now or hereafter to be described and defined within any county in this State, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers, voting thereon, who are qualified elec-

tors of such county, or political subdivision or road district, to issue bonds in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county, or political subdivision or road district, and to levy and collect ad valorem taxes on all taxable property therein to pay the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; authorizing the commissioners' courts of the several counties in the State to establish one or more road districts in their respective counties and which such districts may or may not include villages, towns or municipal corporations or any portion thereof, and may or may not include previously created road districts and political subdivisions; prescribing the procedure for the voting and issuance of such bonds by counties, and political subdivisions and road districts; providing that road districts, and political subdivisions accepting the provisions of this Act, shall be bodies corporate; providing that the commissioner in whose precinct such political subdivision or road district is situated shall be ex officio road superintendent thereof; requiring advertisement for bids on all road contract work in excess of fifty dollars; authorizing and providing for the issuance of county bonds where such bonds have been voted and authorized by a vote of two-thirds majority of the qualified voters for the purpose of the purchase or the construction of district roads in all road districts of such county and the further construction of roads throughout the county where district bonds have been voted and issued by such road districts, and authorizing counties wherein any road district or districts is situated that has issued bonds to vote and issue county bonds for the purchase or construction of such district roads and the further construction of roads throughout the county, and providing for the issuance of such county road bonds where same have been authorized by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the quali-

fied voters for the purpose of the construction of district roads and the further construction of roads throughout the county where district bonds have been voted but have not been sold and the proceeds not expended by such road district or districts in constructing district roads therein and providing for the cancellation and destruction of any unsold district bonds; authorizing the exchange or deposit of county bonds for any district bonds that have been sold; providing for the issuance of county bonds for the purchase of district roads and the further construction of roads throughout the county where any road district or districts have issued bonds and the proceeds derived from the sale thereof have been applied to the construction of roads within and for such district; authorizing the exchange or deposit of county bonds for any such district bonds thus substituted and providing for the cancellation and destruction of such district bonds so retired; providing that such county bonds so issued to off-set and retire any such district bonds shall be similar to said district bonds except that they shall be county obligations instead of district obligations; providing that county bonds issued in excess of the amount required to off-set and retire such district bonds shall be issued and sold; providing for the issuance of bonds by any road district that includes a previously created political subdivision or road district for the purpose of the purchase or construction of roads in such included subdivision or district and the further construction of roads throughout the district subsequently created; providing that nothing herein shall invalidate any bond elections previously ordered or held in any county or political subdivision or defined district thereof for the purpose of constructing roads therein; authorizing any county operating under a special road law to take advantage of the provisions of this Act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Any county, or any

political subdivision of a county, or any road district that has been or may hereafter be created by any general or special law, is hereby authorized to issue bonds for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or political subdivision or road district, and to levy and collect ad valorem taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof. Such bonds shall be issued in the manner hereinafter provided, and as contemplated and authorized by Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of this State. The term "political subdivision," as used in this Act, shall be construed to mean any commissioners' precinct or any justice precinct of a county, now or hereafter to be created and established.

Sec. 2. Upon the petition of fifty resident property taxpaying voters of any county, the commissioners' court of such county, at any regular or special session thereof, shall order an election to be held in such county to determine whether or not the bonds of such county shall be issued for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and whether or not taxes shall be levied on all taxable property of said county, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity. The election order and notice of election shall state the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued, the amount thereof, the rate of interest, and that ad valorem taxes are to be levied annually on all taxable property within said county sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity.

Sec. 3. The county commissioners' courts of the several counties of this State may hereafter establish one or more road districts in their respective counties, and may or may not include within the boundaries and limits of such districts, villages, towns and municipal corporations, or any portion thereof, and may or may not include previously created road

districts and political subdivisions or precincts that have voted and issued road bonds pursuant to Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution, by entering an order declaring such road district established and defining the boundaries thereof.

Sec. 4. Where any political subdivision, or any road district, desired to issue bonds, there shall be presented to the commissioners' court of the county in which such subdivision or district is situated, a petition signed by fifty or a majority of the resident property taxpaying voters of said subdivision or road district praying such court to order an election to determine whether or not the bonds of such subdivision or district shall be issued to an amount stated for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and whether or not taxes shall be levied on all taxable property within said subdivision or district in payment thereof. Upon presentation of such petition, it shall be the duty of the court to which it is presented to fix a time and place at which such petition shall be heard, which date shall be not less than fifteen nor more than thirty days from the date of the order. The clerk of said court shall forthwith issue a notice of such time and place of hearing, which notice shall inform all persons concerned of the time and place of hearing and their right to appear at such hearing and contend for or protest the ordering of such bond election. Such notice shall state the amount of bonds proposed to be issued, and shall describe such political subdivision or road district by its name or number, and shall describe the boundaries thereof as such boundaries are described and defined in the order of the commissioners' court establishing such subdivision or district. The clerk shall execute said notice by posting true copies thereof in three public places within such subdivision or road district and one at the court house door of the county. Said notice shall be posted for ten days prior to the date of said hearing. Said notice shall also be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the subdivision or district, if a newspaper is published therein, one time, and at least five days prior to such hear-

ing. If no newspaper is published in such subdivision or district, then such notice shall be published in some newspaper published in the county, if there be one. The duties herein imposed upon the clerk may be performed by said clerk in person or by deputy, as provided by law for other similar duties.

Sec. 5. At the time and place set for the hearing of the petition, or such subsequent date as may then be fixed, the court shall proceed to hear such petition and all matters in respect of the proposed bond election. Any person interested may appear before the court in person or by attorney and contend for or protest the calling of such proposed bond election. Such hearing may be adjourned from day to day and from time to time, as the court may deem necessary. If upon the hearing of such petition, it be found that the same is signed by fifty or a majority of the resident property taxpaying voters of such subdivision or road district, and that due notice has been given, and that the proposed improvements would be for the benefit of all taxable property situated in such subdivision or road district, then such court may make and cause to be entered of record upon its minutes an order directing that an election be held within and for such subdivision or road district at a date to be fixed in the order, for the purpose of determining the questions mentioned in such petition; provided, however, that such court may change the amount of the bonds proposed to be issued, if, upon the hearing such change be found necessary or desirable. The proposition to be submitted at such election shall specify the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued, the amount thereof, the rate of interest, and that ad valorem taxes are to be levied annually on all taxable property within said district or subdivision sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity.

Sec. 6. If the proposed issue of bonds and levy of taxes is for the entire county, notice of the election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in such county, for three successive weeks, if there be one. In addition thereto, for three weeks prior to said election, notice shall be posted by the county clerk at four public places in the

county, one of which shall be the courthouse door.

Sec. 7. If the proposed issue of bonds and levy of taxes is for a political subdivision or road district, notice of such election shall be given by publishing in a newspaper in the subdivision or district for three successive weeks, and by posting notices in at least three public places in such subdivision or district and at the courthouse door of the county. If no newspaper is published therein, then such published notice shall be given in some newspaper published in the county, if there be one.

Sec. 8. The commissioners' court shall determine the time and place or places of holding such election, and the date of such election shall be not less than thirty days from the date of making the order of election.

Sec. 9. The manner of holding such election and canvassing and making returns thereof, shall be governed by the general laws of this State when not in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 10. If at such election two-thirds of the property taxpaying voters, voting at such election, cast their ballots in favor of the issuance of bonds, the commissioners' court shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, issue said bonds on the faith and credit of said county, or political subdivision or road district, as the case may be.

Sec. 11. Such bonds shall mature not later than thirty years from their date, except as herein otherwise provided; they shall be issued in such denominations, and payable at such time or times as may be deemed most expedient by the commissioners' court, and shall bear interest not to exceed five and one-half per cent per annum. The general laws relative to county bonds, not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, shall apply to the issuance, approval and certification, the registration, the sale and payment of the bonds provided for in this Act.

Sec. 12. After approval and registration as provided by law relative to other bonds, such bonds shall continue in the custody and control of the commissioners' court of the county in which they were issued, and shall be by said court sold to the highest and best bidder for cash, either in whole or in parcels, at not less than their par value, and the purchase money therefor shall be

placed in the county treasury of such county to the credit of the available road fund of such county, or of such political subdivision or road district of such county, as the case may be.

Sec. 13. Before such bonds shall be put on the market, the county commissioners' court of the county in which such election was held, shall levy an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity.

Sec. 14. When such bonds are issued on the faith and credit of the county, the taxes herein authorized shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as now provided by law for the assessment and collection of other county taxes.

Sec. 15. When such bonds are issued for and on the faith and credit of a political subdivision or road district, such taxes shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as is now provided by law for the assessment and collection of common school district taxes.

Sec. 16. The tax assessor and tax collector of the county wherein such taxes have been levied, shall assess and collect the same in the manner and at the time as other taxes; and when so collected, the tax collector shall pay them to the county treasurer as other taxes are paid.

Sec. 17. The county treasurer is custodian of all funds collected by virtue of this law, and shall deposit them with the county depository in the same manner as county funds are deposited. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer to promptly pay the interest and principal as it becomes due on such bonds out of the funds collected and deposited for that purpose.

Sec. 18. The purchase money for such county bonds shall be paid out by the county treasurer upon warrants drawn on the available road fund, issued by the county clerk, countersigned by the county judge, upon certified accounts approved by the commissioners' court of the county; and the purchase money for such bonds issued on the faith and credit of a political subdivision or road district shall be paid out by the county treasurer upon warrants drawn on the available road fund thereof, issued by the county clerk, countersigned by the county judge, and approved by the commissioners' court.

Sec. 19. The expense incurred in surveying the boundaries of a political subdivision or road district, and other expenses incident to the issuance of bonds of such subdivision or district, shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds of the subdivision or district issuing the same.

Sec. 20. Any road district, or any political subdivision accepting the provisions of this Act, shall be a body corporate and may sue and be sued in like manner as counties; provided, however, that no such road district or political subdivision shall ever be held liable for torts.

Sec. 21. When the road bonds have been issued by a county as a whole, such bonds shall be known and designated as "_____ County Road Bonds," taking the name of the county issuing the same, and shall express on their face that they are issued under authority of Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas, and laws enacted pursuant thereto.

Sec. 22. If the proposition to issue the road bonds of a political subdivision or road district is adopted, such bonds shall express on their face: The State of Texas, the name of the county, the number or corporate name of the subdivision or district issuing such bonds, and they shall be designated as "Road Bonds," and express on their face that they are issued under authority of Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas, and laws enacted pursuant thereto.

Sec. 23. The county commissioner in whose commissioners' precinct such political subdivision or road district is located, shall be ex officio road superintendent of said subdivision or district with power to contract in behalf of such subdivision or district in an amount not to exceed fifty dollars, which shall be approved by the commissioners' court. All contracts exceeding the sum of fifty dollars shall be awarded by the entire court.

Sec. 24. Before the commissioners' court shall let a contract for work in a county or road district or subdivision, bids shall be invited by publishing an advertisement in a newspaper published in such county, and outside of the county, if the commissioners' court deem it advisable to do so. All contracts shall be

awarded to the lowest and best bidder. Any or all bids may be rejected.

Sec. 25. Whenever in any political subdivision or road district in any county bonds have been issued under the authority of any general or special law enacted pursuant to Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution, and thereafter bonds are voted by the entire county for the purposes hereinafter authorized, such political subdivisions or road districts first issuing bonds may be fully and fairly compensated by the county in an amount equal in value to the amount of district bonds issued by such districts, and which shall be done in the form and manner hereinafter prescribed:

(1) It shall be the duty of the commissioners' court, upon the presentation of a petition signed by two hundred and fifty resident property taxpaying voters of the county, whether residing in such road district or districts, or not, to order an election under the provisions of this Act to determine whether or not the bonds of such county shall be issued for road construction purposes as authorized by Subdivisions 3 and 4 of this section.

(2) Such county bonds to be issued in such an amount as may be stated in the order of the commissioners' court, but within the limitations of the constitutional and statutory provisions; and at such election there shall also be submitted to the resident property taxpaying voters of the county the question as to whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said county, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof.

(3) When such road district or districts have by the requisite vote of the qualified property taxpaying voters thereof authorized the issuance of bonds, and the same have not been issued and sold, or, if sold and the proceeds have not been expended at the time the election is to be ordered for the entire county, then the proposed county bonds shall be issued for the following purpose: "The issuance of county bonds for the construction of district roads and the further construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, throughout

such county." If the proposition to issue such county bonds for said purpose shall receive the necessary favorable vote as is now provided by law, and said bonds shall have been approved and issued, then so much of the bonds so issued by the county as may be necessary to fairly and fully compensate such road district or districts shall be set aside by the commissioners' court for that purpose; provided, that in the event such district bonds have not been issued and sold, then so much of the bonds so issued by the county as may be necessary to fairly and fully compensate such road district or districts shall be set aside for that purpose, and the same shall be sold and the proceeds applied to the construction, maintenance and operation of the roads within and for such road district or districts as contemplated by the election or elections theretofore held within and for such road district or districts, and such unsold district bonds shall thereupon become totally void, and it shall be the duty of the commissioners' court of such county to immediately cancel and destroy such unsold district bonds; provided, however, that in the event such district bonds have been sold, then an exchange of a like amount of said county bonds may be made with the holder or holders of said district bonds as provided by Subdivision 1, of Section 26, of this Act, but if the commissioners' court should find that such exchange cannot be made, then so much of the county bonds as may be necessary shall be transferred and placed to the credit of the interest and sinking fund account of such road district or districts in conformity with the procedure prescribed by Subdivision 2 of Section 26 hereof.

(4) Where such road district or districts have issued bonds for the construction of public roads therein and the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds have been applied to the construction of roads within and for such districts, then such district roads may be merged into and become a part of the general county system of public roads and such road district or districts shall be fully and fairly compensated by the county in an amount equal in value to the amount of bonds outstanding against such road district or districts at the time the bonds are

issued by the county, and the proposed county bonds shall be issued for the following purpose: "The issuance of county bonds for the purchase of district roads and the further construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, throughout such county." In the event the proposition to issue such county bonds shall receive the necessary favorable vote as is now provided by law, and said bonds shall have been approved and issued, then so much of the bonds so issued by the county as may be necessary for that purpose shall be set aside and exchanged for a like amount of outstanding district bonds, or the same may be transferred and placed to the credit of such road district or districts for the purpose of paying and retiring such district bonds as the same may mature.

Sec. 26. If the proposition to issue such county bonds shall receive the necessary favorable vote as is now provided by law, and said bonds shall have been approved and issued, the taxes therefore levied and collected in any road district or districts shall from that date be dispensed with as hereinafter provided, and the bonds so set apart by the commissioners' court shall be used exclusively for the purpose of constructing roads in any such subdivisions or districts or for the purpose of purchasing or taking over the improved roads in any such subdivisions or districts, as the case may be. The exchange of such county bonds for such outstanding district bonds shall be made in one of the following methods, to-wit:

(1) An exchange of said bonds may be made with the holder or holders of any outstanding district bonds. The agreement for such exchange shall be evidenced by order of the commissioners' court authorizing the same and by the written consent of the holder or holders of such district bonds, properly signed and acknowledged, as provided for the acknowledgment of written instruments by the laws of this State, which said order of the commissioners' court, written agreement properly executed by the holder or holders of such district bonds, together with the county bonds to be given in exchange, shall be presented to and ap-

proved by the Attorney General of the State and shall bear his certificate of approval before the exchange is finally consummated. When such exchange of county bonds for district bonds shall have been consummated, it shall be the duty of the commissioners' court to cancel and destroy said district bonds, and thereafter no tax shall ever be levied or collected therefor under the original election in such subdivisions or districts and the sinking funds than on hands to the credit of any such subdivisions or districts shall be passed to the sinking fund account of the county.

(2) In the event the exchange of the county bonds for the outstanding district bonds cannot be made as hereinabove provided for, it shall then be the duty of the commissioners' court, at as early a date as practicable, to deposit with the county treasurer for the credit of the interest and sinking fund account of such road district or districts an amount of county bonds equal in value to the amount of outstanding district bonds.

The order of the commissioners' court authorizing the deposit of county bonds for the credit of the interest and sinking fund account of such road district or districts, together with the county bonds so authorized to be deposited, shall be presented to and approved by the Attorney General of the State and shall bear his certificate of approval before such deposit of county bonds shall be made and credit passed to such road district or districts; provided, however, that such county bonds before deposited shall have printed or written across the face thereof the word "Non-negotiable" and shall further recite that they are deposited to the credit of the interest and sinking fund account of the road district therein named as a guarantee for the payment of the outstanding district bonds that have not been exchanged, and the coupons annexed to such county bonds so deposited shall have written or printed thereon the word "Non-negotiable." After such county bonds shall have been deposited for the credit of the interest and sinking fund accounts of any such road district or districts the sinking fund then on hand to the credit of such road district or districts shall be passed to the credit of

the sinking fund account of the county and the commissioners' court shall no longer levy and collect the taxes provided for under the original election for said bonds in such road district or districts, but in lieu thereof the said court shall, from the taxes levied for the purpose of providing the necessary interest on the county bonds hereinabove provided for, pay annually the interest on said county bonds deposited for the credit of such road district or districts, detaching the coupon therefor, and said payment of interest shall be passed to the credit of the interest account of such road district or districts as the owner or owners of said county bonds, and the funds so realized by said road district or districts shall be used by the commissioners' court for the purpose of paying the interest on all such outstanding district bonds. It shall also be the duty of the commissioners' court to set aside annually, from the taxes levied to provide the necessary sinking fund for such county bonds, the necessary sinking fund for the retirement of said county bonds and upon maturity of said county bonds the commissioners' court shall pay said bonds in full and said payments shall be passed to the credit of the sinking fund of such road district or districts and the funds so realized by said road district or districts shall be used by the commissioners' court to pay in full all outstanding district bonds.

Sec. 27. The county bonds issued for the purpose contemplated in Subdivisions 3 and 4 of Section 25 hereof, shall be issued in similar denominations, bearing the same rate of interest, having the same date or dates of maturity and with similar options of payment as the outstanding district bonds, it being the intent hereof that said county bonds shall in every respect be similar to said district bonds, except they shall be county obligations instead of district obligations, and shall be dated on a date after the date of the election at which they were authorized; and the county bonds issued in excess of the amount required to exchange, offset and retire said outstanding district bonds shall be issued and sold in the manner now provided by law and may mature serially or otherwise at the discretion of the commissioners' court and may run for a term not to exceed forty years and such bonds shall bear not

more than five and one-half per cent interest per annum, and the proceeds thereof shall be credited to the available road fund of the county and shall be expended by the commissioners' court in constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, throughout such county. The issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized and the levy and collection of taxes therefor shall be conducted as now required by law on other county bonds, except as herein otherwise provided; and provided further that the necessary expense incident to the issuance of said bonds may be paid out of the proceeds from the sale thereof.

Sec. 28. Where any road district created under the provisions of this Act includes within its limits any previously created road district, or any political subdivision or precinct, having at such time road bond debts outstanding, such included district or subdivision shall be fully and fairly compensated by the new district in an amount equal to the amount of the bonds outstanding against such included subdivision or district, and which shall be done in the form and manner prescribed for the issuance of county bonds under Sections 25 to 27, inclusive of this Act, except the petition shall be signed by fifty or a majority of the resident property tax-paying voters of the new district, and the bonds proposed to be issued shall be for the purchase or construction of roads in the included subdivisions or districts and the further construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

Sec. 29. Any county operating under the provisions of a special road tax law may take advantage of any of the provisions of this Chapter.

Sec. 30. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and Articles 726 to Article 778, of Chapter 3, Title 22, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, and Articles 781, 782, 783 and 784, of said Statutes, shall be and the same are hereby particularly repealed.

Sec. 31. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as invalidating any bond elections previously ordered or held within and for any county in this State or any political subdivision or defined district of any county under the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 18, Revised

Statutes of 1911, and amendments thereto, or Chapter 3, Title 22, Revised Statutes, 1925, or under authority of any special county road law.

Sec. 22. The public importance of this measure creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the said rule is suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

THIRTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Friday, October 1, 1926.

The Senate met at 10:00 o'clock pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	Pollard.
Berkeley.	Price.
Bledsoe.	Reid.
Bowers.	Russek.
Davis.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strong.
Hardin of Erath.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Wirtz.
Murphy.	Witt.
Parnell.	Wood.
Parr.	

Absent.

Fairchild. Hardin of Kaufman.

Absent—Excused.

Real. Woodward.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Davis.

Privileged Committee Reports.

(See Appendix)

Committee Reports.

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Senators Excused

Senator Woodward was excused indefinitely because of important business.